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REPORTER

**G**retchen (not her real name), who shares a tiny studio-type unit with her two siblings, pays her landlord a flat fee of over \$400 a month for rent and utilities, which includes internet, water, power, and garbage disposal. Over \$80 goes to her power bill. That means she pays her landlord about 43 cents per kWh a month.

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s residential rate for power use up to 350 kWh is at 2 cents per kWh. Noting that Gretchen usually uses up 210 kWh a month, she should be paying around only \$50 each month—not \$80. And that \$50 already includes CUC's \$7 monthly



Propst

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## Propst wants prison for overcharging landlords



### ROUTINE OPERATIONS

U.S. Navy Lt. Richly Babauta, from the Northern Mariana Islands, assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 9, operates an MH-60S Sea Hawk in the Atlantic Ocean, Nov. 1, 2019.

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### Plan to cap refugees at 18,000 in 2020 OK'd

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—President Donald Trump has signed off on a plan that continues a dramatic drop in the number of refugees taken in by the U.S. to no more than 18,000 in fiscal year 2020.

When the State Department first announced the plan in September religious and humanitarian groups sharply criticized the administration.

In the last full year of the Obama administration, the refugee ceiling was 85,000. This year, the Trump

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## Passenger loading bridges about done

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Two of the three new passenger loading bridges that have been manufactured in Utah to replace the old ones at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport are ready to be shipped to the island.

A third passenger loading bridge is in the finishing stage.



Toves

In his report during Friday's meeting, the Commonwealth Ports Authority board's airport facilities committee chair, Barry C. Toves, said that CPA is replacing passenger loading bridges 2, 3, and 6 with new ones due to their age and constant maintenance requirement.

The project was de-

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## CPA: Contaminated water well at airport will be cut

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE  
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The Commonwealth Ports Authority will soon notify the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. that a contaminated water well at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport area that has not been func-

tioning for many years now will be removed.



King-Hinds

During Friday's meeting of the CPA board's airport facilities committee, the panel agreed to notify CUC—which built the water well—that CPA is exercising its right to its property.

The committee came to that decision after CPA

board chair Kimberlyn King-Hinds objected to committee chair Barry Toves' suggestion that CPA executive director Christopher S. Tenorio should talk about the matter again with CUC.

Citing that the well is CPA's property, King-Hinds said they have been having this conversation about the well over and over again.

Toves said the property where the

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# Local



## PURPLE WAVE, ROLL, AND WALK

Families, students, and police officers line up along Beach Road near the Oleai Pavilion last Wednesday for the Purple Wave, Roll, and Walk event organized by the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence to celebrate the strength of all domestic violence survivors in the CNMI.

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## House OKs hemp production

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REPORTER

The House of Representatives has unanimously passed a bill that allows the production of hemp in the CNMI.

The House, voting 17-0, passed Rep. Marco Peter's (R-Saipan) House Bill 21-55, HD1 at their Oct. 28, 2019, session in the House chamber on Capital Hill.

The bill seeks to create regulations for the hemp industry in the CNMI that is in line with federal requirements. Hemp is a strain of cannabis that has relatively lower concentrations of tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC—the main psychoactive chemical in cannabis.

The legislation, which now heads to the Senate, designates the Department of Lands and Natural Resources' Division of Agriculture as the primary regulatory authority over the production of hemp in the CNMI.

The DLNR secretary, in consultation of the director for the division, shall create the rules and regulations necessary to regulate the production of hemp in the Commonwealth, including establishing fees and requirements for licenses for production.

Although DLNR is ul-

timately tasked with the regulations, the legislation embedded violations pertaining to the negligence of a hemp producer, which include failing to provide a legal description of land on which the producer produces hemp; failing to obtain a license or other required authorization from the Division of Agriculture; or producing Cannabis Sativa L. with a TCH concentration of more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis.

A corrective action plan will be imposed on negligent hemp producers, which requires that the producer corrects the negligent violation on a reasonable date, and to submit periodic reports to the Division of Agriculture on the compliance of the hemp producer with regulations not less than two years.

Although the legislation does not criminalize negligent hemp producers, the bill states that a hemp producer who negligently violates regulations thrice within five years shall be ineligible to produce hemp for five years.

Hemp producers who willfully violate the regulations shall be punishable by up to one year of imprisonment or a fine of up to \$2,500, or both.



# Revolving account to fund BPL operations

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REPORTER

Despite its budget fiscal year 2020 being zeroed out, the CNMI board that grants licenses for certain professionals to do work in the Commonwealth will still be able to function normally.

During yesterday's meeting of the Board of Professional Licensing, executive

director Esther Fleming reported that BPL was able to reserve the needed funding through its revolving funds account. At the end of fiscal year 2019 last Sept. 30, 2019, the board's remaining funds amounted to roughly \$90,700, she said.

Citing a report of the Department of Finance, Fleming said it had about \$150,000 in its revolving account in fis-

## CNMI BPL/HCPLB to have building fixed

The CNMI Board of Professional Licensing and the Health Care Professions Licensing Board intend to repairs its office on Capital Hill.

CNMI BPL/HCPLB executive director Esther Fleming confirmed that they have been in contact with the Department of Public Works to assess the building's ceiling since many areas of the building are leaking and these are expected to become worse if not fixed.

"The building is not getting clear water leakage, but brown water leakage, which is an issue that needs to be addressed," Fleming told *Saipan Tribune*. With this leak, the water would seep

into the ceiling's rebar, creating brown streaks.

She clarified that the roof was renovated years prior to her appointment as executive director in 2016 and that the contractor who conducted the renovation was called back six months after the project. She said she has been in contact with Department of Public Works Secretary James Ada about this matter and that they are looking to begin the process anytime this week or next week.

They won't be moving, though, Fleming said. In her conversations with DPW, she said that DPW will help her office get the contract started to begin the repairs. *(Marc A. Venus)*



Members of the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing discuss financial matters last Thursday at the Commonwealth Health Care Corp. BPL currently has a revolving account that will help it remain operational for the year.

MARC A. VENUS

cal year 2019. Minus \$60,000 in total expenditures, that left BPL with \$90,000.

For fiscal year 2020, with its regular funding appropriation being zeroed out, most of the operational expenses will be shared between BPL and the Health Care Professions

Licensing Board.

She clarified that staff will be paid and that the revolving fund will continue to help the office operate.

In addition, Fleming informed the board that she intends to have the office's computer systems and data

programs updated. This opportunity will also allow those who are licensed to have easier access to the office, as these changes may help in making the office more accessible and allow licensees to apply for other offered services.

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# Man arrested for allegedly lying about fleeing China

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An overstaying Chinese tourist was arrested for allegedly lying to a federal agent that he had fled China because of fear that he would be persecuted or harmed due to his religious affiliation.

Xin Zhou Ren was arrested after he allegedly admitted to the federal agent that he did not have such fear and was, in fact, staying in the CNMI for other reasons.

A complaint charged Ren with making false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Homeland Security Investigations filed the complaint Saturday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

At an initial appearance hearing yesterday afternoon, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona advised Ren of the proceeding, of the charges, and his constitutional rights.

Robert T. Torres appeared as the court-appointed counsel for Ren.

Manglona ordered Ren to be released on his personal recognizance.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe, counsel for the U.S. government, did not object to the U.S. Probation Officer Gregory Arriola's recommendation to allow Ren's release.

Preliminary hearing will be on Nov. 18 at 11am.

DHS Homeland Security Investigations special agent Nicole Sively stated in her af-

fidavit in support of the criminal complaint that she first encountered Ren at the HSI Saipan Office last May 13.

Sively said records indicated that Ren was granted CNMI-only Conditional Parole by U.S. Customs and Border Protection that was effective until May 15, 2018, and overstayed that authorized date.

Sively said that during an administrative interview last May 13, Ren stated that he told the officers at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport that he was on Saipan as a visitor.

Sively said that, according to Ren, he used that as an excuse because he wanted to escape China.

Ren stated he was not arrested in China, but was

wanted by the police in Hebei Province, China, in 2015.

Ren also allegedly stated that he left China because he was persecuted by his government due to his religion.

The defendant stated he feared he would be harmed if he returns to China.

Sively said Ren subsequently admitted he did not have such fear and was staying in the CNMI for other reasons.

Sively said Ren was then released from HSI custody and scheduled for service of immigration documents at a later date.

The special agent said that last Friday she received a phone call from a deportation officer, who disclosed that Ren was present at the Enforcement and Removal Op-

erations Office on Saipan.

Sively said that, according to the deportation officer, Ren was requesting the return of his passport and presented a copy of his passport and an itinerary with booking information for a flight to China scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 3.

Sively said she requested that Ren report to the HSI Office at 3pm that same day, Friday.

Sively said Ren reported to the HSI Office Friday and provided HSI personnel with a copy of his passport, a receipt in the amount of \$535, and an itinerary for departure from Saipan on China Sichuan Air-

lines for Sunday, Nov. 3.

Sively said Ren also provided HSI personnel with a sworn statement confirming that he had told her (Sively) last May 13, that, among other things, he fled China because of fear that he would be persecuted or harmed due to his religious affiliation.

Sively said Ren stated that he wanted his passport and wanted to return to China as he had already purchased his ticket.

Sively said Ren told her that he no longer wished to "claim asylum" and wanted to return to China.

Ren was then arrested.

## CPA

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well sits is in the general aviation area and CPA needs that space for Tandem Skydive Saipan Inc.

Toves said that in any lease agreement that CPA executes—whether at the seaport or airport—CPA reserves the right to give proper notice and let the lessor know about CPA's action.

In her objection, King-Hinds said CPA should give CUC notice that this is what CPA wants to do on its property.

"Because, at the end of the day, we decide what we get to do on our property. That well is not functioning. It's been sitting there for how long?" King-Hinds said.

She said CPA basically needs to have the general aviation area improved and that there is a company, Tandem Skydive, that is willing to make those improvements.

"At the end of the day, the buck stops with us. Our inability to make a decision, in taking this issue down the road, is not [going to] take us anywhere. So let's make a decision today," King-Hinds said.

She said that decision should be to give CUC notice so that Tandem Skydive can proceed with its plan because CPA had already told them. King-Hinds said CPA is entering an agreement to allow the company to make the improvements.

"Why do we need anybody's permission to do what we want on our property?" she asked.

CPA board director Thomas Villagomez then moved for CPA to give notice to CUC to close down that water well.

Board member Pete Reyes suggested that the letter that CPA will send CUC should also state that termination of

the use of that specific well will not affect the 67 other water wells that CUC has at the airport.

All seven board directors unanimously agreed to notify CUC about CPA's decision to cut the well.

During the discussion, Toves said Reyes originally brought up the issue for CPA to find out if the well is actually non-working and that he (Toves) believes it should be turned back to CPA.

Tenorio said they've asked CUC to decommission the well but, according to CUC, they're still working on it. Tenorio said CUC had suggested that they could relocate the well to another area, but CPA has to pay for the relocation work.

CPA legal counsel Robert T. Torres said he spoke with CUC deputy executive director William Gilmore and that he was informed that the well itself right now is not being used but that CUC is going to rehabilitate it so it could be used in the future.

"What CUC said...is that they can reduce the area that they need for that well so that Tandem Skydive can increase the area that it needs," Torres said. He said Tandem Skydive needs the additional area to expand its facilities.

Torres said CUC's position is that CPA could keep the well, but CUC would reduce the footprint that they need so CPA and CUC could co-exist.

"...If they can do that, that should be the solution," Torres said.

If, however, CUC refuses to work with CPA, CPA can ask CUC to remove all of its 67 wells from CPA's property.

Reyes said CUC is not using the well right now, but they have indicated that they are trying to secure a grant in order to fix and rehabilitate the contaminated well.

"Right now, it is not being

used because of contamination," Reyes said. It was not immediately clarified at the meeting what contaminated the well.

Toves asked what is the recommendation to resolve the issue as Skydive Tandem is requesting additional space and moving the well from the property comes with a cost.

King-Hinds said the issue is being discussed because Tandem Skydive is requesting for additional space and the concern is if CPA removes it, it will be at CPA's own cost.

King-Hinds said this is something that CPA can discuss with Tandem Skydive in terms of working out an agreement because they need the additional space, and if they are willing to remove it, then CPA and the company can work out an arrangement where it comes at no cost to CPA.

King-Hinds said that, because the well is not currently within the area that Tandem Skydive is leasing, CPA can work out with some sort of an offset for the cost.

Torres pointed out that CPA only agreed in 1992 for CUC to build 32 wells and an additional four wells in 2009, for a term of five years. Torres said CUC then went on a drilling expedition on CPA's property so they now have 67 wells.

Torres said the Federal Aviation Administration says CPA owns those wells.

Torres said the fact that CUC is charging for water is diverting revenue from CPA, which is why they have a settlement agreement with CUC.

"Those are our wells; that's our water," Torres stressed.

When Toves asked if CPA has the authority to just go ahead and remove the well, Torres said CUC and the community would benefit if they work together.

Torres said CPA could tell CUC to close the well and move out.

"It's our well. They are saying they have plans to rehab it. But they are not using it anyway. They have 66 other wells and we don't know how many of those are being used. But this one is not being used," Torres said.

Torres said if the CPA board wants to make a decision they have a choice of either continuing to urge CUC to work with CPA and relocate that well, or CPA could tell them to remove that well and they can't use that anymore since it's CPA's property.

King-Hinds said the underlying issue is that Tandem Skydive wants to make improvements in that particular location. "We are not [going to] to pay for the removal of that well," she said.

Reyes said Skydive Tandem is actually willing to close down the well and pave it for parking.

Board vice chair Roman Tudela said what ultimately needs to be done is remove the well and give the space to Skydive Tandem and start creating revenue for CPA.

"It's a waste for that well to continue to sit there for nothing," Tudela said.

He said that when CUC was still digging the wells, it was with the understanding that the airlines' use that property is the priority.

In a later interview, King-Hinds said they are entering into a new lease with Tandem Skydive and, as a condition of that lease, they want to make some improvements in the general aviation area but there is a water well "that's kind of sitting there that is not being used" but needs to be rehabilitated.

She said Skydive Tandem is willing to remove the well and make the improvement.

"And so, I think a decision has to be made if they are willing to come in and remove it," King-Hinds said.

## PROPT

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customer charge for residential areas.

If Gretchen is paying based on her actual power consumption and not the inflated rate, she would save about \$360 in 12 months.

Yet this is not a rare occurrence but is actually common practice among landlords, who overcharge their tenants' use of electricity by imposing a higher rate per kWh. If Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) would have his way, these landlords would go to prison.

Propst, who expressed indignation about this malpractice in a Facebook post, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that he has already reached out to CUC executive director Gary Camacho, the Office of the Attorney General, and the House legal counsel to ask if it were legal to charge tenants a power rate that is well over CUC's power rates.

Propst noted that some of his constituents pay nearly 50

cents per kWh to their landlords, while CUC only charges two cents for kWh levels up to 350 for residential areas.

"I don't accept that. I [believe] this is ripping off our own people and this is unconscionable," Propst said. "They are basically already charged rent and then higher usage fees for utilities."

Propst added that Saipan residents in other precincts are also complaining.

"It's in Puerto Rico, in Garapan, it's in different places around the island. These landlords are originally not from here, so I don't even understand why they would do this in the first place," he said.

Propst noted that he is unsure about the legality of charging more than the CUC power rate. However, he noted, that absent legislation preventing this and if it is not illegal to do so, Propst said he would introduce legislation to make this practice illegal to protect "...our people from this robbery."

"I don't want just a fine, I want the person to go to jail for doing this," he said.

## PASSENGER

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signed in 2017 and was advertised in 2018. The contract was not executed, though until January 2019 because of Super Typhoon Yutu, which hit the CNMI in October 2018.

Reporting on the project's status, Toves said the bridges will be shipped when the revised foundation has been fabricated.

Toves said a contractor has already demolished the passenger loading bridge in Gate 2 of the airport and will soon move to Gate 3, and then Gate 6.

The removal of all other bridges will be completed by

January 2020.

Toves said the design for the additional three bridges is ongoing and funding is being sought via a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

However, he said, the Federal Aviation Administration has also urged CPA to submit an application for federal assistance for the additional three in case the EDA grant is disapproved.

Due to Super Typhoon Yutu's devastation and safety concerns from the damaged passenger loading bridges, CPA submitted a change order to the FAA to allow the contractor to demolish all six bridges.

## PLAN

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administration set the limit at 30,000. That number was the lowest since the modern resettlement program's creation in 1980.

In a statement issued Saturday, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo noted that refugee resettlement "is only one aspect of U.S. humanitarian-based immigration efforts." He cited diplomatic efforts to find solutions to crises as well as humanitarian aid.



# Bringing pharmacy services to Rota, Tinian via internet

Finding pharmacists for both Rota and Tinian remain an issue for the Commonwealth Health Care Corp. but one possible issue being eyed to resolve this is through telepharmacy services for those living on the two islands.

Telepharmacy is the delivery of pharmaceutical services through the internet via web camera. This would allow pharmacists on Saipan to provide services to residents on Rota and Tinian, and allow the patients to get quick access to medications.

According to Kaitlyn Neises, CHCC special assistant for Policy and Development Sustainability, this would provide an easier opportunity for Rota and Tinian residents to get pharmaceutical products as these services speed up the process. There is currently no retail pharmacy access to anyone on Rota and Tinian, and patients are left with either getting their medicines from their physician himself or herself or get their medicine on Saipan.

Neises said telepharmacy services will open pharmacy access to over 5,000 people, and CHCC hopes to launch telepharmacy services to the two islands by January 2020.

She said the vendor contracts and licensing are now being finalized. Once these are approved, CHCC can begin implementing telepharmacy services for the two islands.

CHCC is waiting for its license application to be approved by the Board of Professional Licensing. That license would grant CHCC access to the National Provider Index, the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs, the National Pharmacy Board, and other pharmaceutical services. With access to the NPB, CHCC will have an easier time billing insurance companies for medications as they will be completed electronically.

Neises said CHCC has received funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the technology to initiate the program on Rota and Tinian. Two years ago, the Board of Professional Licensing adopted telepharmacy.

The BPL confirmed that there are some issues that need to be fixed such as the real-time video call setting, as it is required for those conducting telepharmacy services in the U.S. mainland. Once this issue has been resolved, the license can be provided. *(Marc A. Venus)*

## WHO tags 4 regional health priorities

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The World Health Organization has its work in the region cut out for it, with the identification of four priorities for the Western Pacific, which includes the CNMI.

With the region already affected by frequent natural disasters and faced by an increasing number of non-communicable diseases, the WHO has come up with a set of priorities that reflect the region's economic, social, and environmental context, according to WHO Western Pacific Region director Takeshi Kasi, who is making his first visit to the CNMI.

These four priorities are: Health security (including antimicrobial resistance), non-communicable diseases and aging, climate change, and reaching the unreached people and communities still affected by infectious diseases and high rates of maternal and infant mortality.

Aside from the CNMI's increased burden from NCDs and frequent typhoons, it is also grappling with communicable diseases and microbial resistance. In order to combat these issues, WHO and the CNMI plan on working on the following for 2020:

Develop the capacity of the CNMI's emergency medical team to respond to health emergencies.

Strengthen health information systems, so that the CNMI can better understand the situation and respond to the health challenges being faced.

Strengthen policies and legislation to tackle behavioral risk factors for NCDs, such as betel nut use, as well as unhealthy diets and physical inactivity.

In coming months, WHO intends to work with its counterparts in the CNMI on these priority areas, to be sure that the work considers possible future scenarios and is "future proof."

"We want to be able to help the CNMI harness innovation

and strengthen local strategic information capacity," Kasai said.

Other issues such as mental health, and the remoteness with the cost of travel to the Pacific are within WHO's overall health perception in the Western Pacific, as these issues are commonly discussed in regional meetings.

## 'Leave card requirement up to business'

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce believes that businesses should be allowed to decide whether or not they should accept transactions through debit or credit cards and cash.

In a Sept. 23, 2019, letter from Chamber president Velma Palacios, she wrote to Rep. Joseph "Lee Pan" Guerrero (R-Saipan) that the organization believes that the decision to transact through debit or credit cards should be at the discretion of the business, not a mandate of the law.

Palacios was commenting on Rep. Luis "L.J." John Castro's (R-Saipan) House Bill 21-75, which seeks to require businesses to offer credit or debit card transactions, along with cash, as a method to transact business.

The legislation cited the move the increase tax enforcement and to further regulate sales reports at the convenience of the government.

"...Implementation of this bill would negatively impact small businesses by forcing them to operate and maintain a credit card system and pay fees to credit card [and] debit card companies," Palacios wrote in her comment on the bill.

She further pointed out that credit cards are ultimately riskier for businesses since

consumers can take advantage of business establishments through fraud, and should therefore be able to choose to participate in the "riskier commerce exchange."

She added that the responsibility of maintaining data security when accepting credit cards also fall on the business owner, noting that there is a cost to maintain data security, further reiterating her point of providing businesses with the option to participate.

Citing the Coinage Act of 1965, Section 31 U.S.C. 5103, Palacios noted that credit cards are not recognized as legal tender, or means of payment recognized by law.

The law states that only U.S. coins and currency are considered legal tender for all debts, public charges, taxes, and dues.

"We believe businesses should continue to follow U.S. law and accept legal tender, but not forced to accept transactions that may negatively impact their businesses," she said.

The House of Representatives had debated at their Oct. 28, 2019, session whether they would even take up H.B. 21-75 on the House floor since there was opposition from the public. Ultimately, the House adopted the committee report, and will be discussing the legislation on the House floor in a future House session.

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# Canoe culture revival cruises smoothly with 500 Sails

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An intimate discussion of canoe culture closed the celebration of the Humanities Month, through a presentation on “Reviving and Promoting Canoe Culture” organized by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council last Oct. 30 at the American Memorial Park.

NMHC executive director Leo Pangelinan said the program helps revive some fading islander traditions.

“We live on an island sur-

rounded by the ocean, yet, many people I know do not know how to swim, or there’s a fear of the ocean,” Pangelinan said.

He also lamented that the CNMI has moved from a society that is very much connected to the ocean and marine life, to one where no sailing canoes can be seen except for what 500 Sails has built.

In the presentation, 500 Sails executive director Pete Perez talked about working on building canoes on Saipan, and on having a comprehen-

sive program on the islands for people to learn how to swim, build, and sail.

“The ocean is still the ocean, and the skies are the skies, and these canoes are made—they are the same size, the same shape, the same behavior—as they were in the 1500s,” Perez said, referring to the canoes that 500 Sails has already built. “If you have canoes out, people are going to sail them.”

So far, a total of 33,515 people throughout the islands have already been exposed to

the many outreach events that 500 Sails has held in order to increase the community’s involvement in canoes and learn more about their maritime heritage, as well as 500 Sails’ programs to promote the canoeing culture.

“From 2016 to 2019, when it comes to canoe building, we have had 86 boat nights, with 61 participants, more than half (56%) are indigenous local people, and with over 610 volunteer hours (71% indigenous),” Perez said, adding that there could have been more

had typhoons Soudelor and Yutu not hit the CNMI.

Perez also stressed the importance of teaching people to swim before they sail. Through 500 Sails, about 1,200 individuals have already learned how to swim.

Perez also disclosed that they are hoping to have the canoes used for transporting people to and from Managaha. “[This] is something that 500 Sails wanted to do from the beginning, to get local people with local canoes, taking tourists out and make an income

from it,” he said.

Given 500 Sails’ accomplishments, Perez still wants more ideas on how they could get more people to sail.

“Eventually, I would have to hand this off to somebody,” Perez said. “Same with anyone, we are not going to be here forever, but we really want to take it as far as we possibly can. We want to hand off a very healthy program, and we want people to be able to swim, build, and sail...not just for cultural reasons but also for health.”

## Piano and voice recital as confidence booster

By IVA MAURIN  
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REPORTER

Parents got to watch their children play the piano and perform songs at the Harmonious Lesson 2019 3rd Quarter Piano and Voice Recital last week at the indoor theater of the American Memorial Park in Garapan.

The recital was part of the performances of the students of Katie Hoyt, a producer at Friends of the Arts. “They got to dress up and just be whatever character they want to be, and play songs,” Hoyt said.

“I like to have these recitals or performances for my students every other month, so that they have a goal to work toward and something to perform,” she added.

The children played *Dark and Stormy Night*, which is about Edgar Allan Poe, *Demons* by the rock band Imagine Dragons, and some Journey songs.



Children get to play dress up while performing at the Harmonious Lesson 2019 3rd Quarter Piano and Voice Recital last week at the indoor theater of the American Memorial Park in Garapan.

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Hoyt uses her love for performing and playing, and for sharing her passion with children, as a way to get to know people, especially children. She believes it is important for

young members of the community to learn music.

“It is a confidence builder,” Hoyt explained. “That is why I do the recitals. They have to have confidence in


order to perform. It is just a good confidence builder and a release for them from their stress in life.”

One of the parents, Ellen Joy Dionisio, agrees.

“I believe that having... piano lessons while the children are young help stimulate their brain,” Dionisio said, “at the same time teaching them discipline, perseverance, self-

confidence, time management, listening skills, and... their memory capacity.”

The children are set to have a holiday concert as their next recital on Dec. 14.



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**TACHOGNYA QUARRY**  
**PERMIT APPLICATION NO. TMS-2019-X-048**

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed Tachognya Quarry operation in Tachognya, Tinian.

The GPPC, Inc. is proposing to operate a quarry operation in Tachognya, Tinian. GPPC, Inc. anticipates to produce aggregates of different sizes including manufactured sand. The operation will consist of a cement batching plant, an asphalt batching plant, and an office with an onsite generator. Staging of the quarry materials will be situated at Carolinas, Tinian.

The public hearing for this project is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 4:30PM. Venue for this hearing will be announced at a later date.**

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, or sent by fax at 664-8315. The project files are open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects. Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Tachognya Quarry project.

/s/ Janice E. Castro  
Director  
Division of Coastal Resources Management



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**CNMI GOVERNMENT**



**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB NO.: DPW20-ITB-003**

**SUBMISSION DATE: November 25, 2019 TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

**“CDA PERMEABLE PARKING PROJECT”**

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**THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.**


A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at DPW Technical Services Division required for each set.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on **November 7, 2019, 9:00 a.m.** local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **November 13, 2019** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.


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/s/ JAMES A. ADA  
SECRETARY, DPW

/s/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON  
ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S



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CHCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

/s/ CORAZON P. ADA  
CHCC DIRECTOR OF P&S



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**COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION**



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**  
**RFP20-CHCC/MSO-001**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 5, 2019 TIME: 10:00 AM**

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# Community encouraged to help beautify Saipan

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As the CNMI gets ready for the arrival of even more tourists on the island, especially Japanese, the Saipan Mayor's Office is fortifying its beautification program and calls on the community to help.

It could be as simple as keeping the surroundings clean, said Saipan Mayor's Office special assistant Henry Hofschneider. And it's not just the tourists who will benefit.

"First and foremost, it is for the people living here, our residents and businesses, because without a clean environment, we will have sick people. [We will have] rats running around and carrying diseases," Hofschneider said.

Keeping the islands beauti-

"We are asking the community to help us," Hofschneider said. "[Help in] picking up the trash. Anyone walking on a sidewalk or jogging along a road, they can stop and pick up a plastic bottle or a can."

Aside from helping with the cleanup, the mayor's office is also calling on the community to report people who are vandalizing public facilities, as well as private properties.

All these small individual efforts will greatly help the Saipan Mayor's Office, which is responsible for keeping villages clean, he said.

He assured that the mayor's office's operations crew will do whatever they can to make sure roads are clean. Vegetation growing and blocking or hindering traffic will also be cut and removed.



The operations crew of the Saipan Mayor's Office get ready to fan out across Saipan early morning yesterday for a day of cleanup operations in the community.

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ful and clean will also leave a good impression amongst tourists. "It is to show visitors that we care about their visit, their time here. We want them to bring back to wherever they come from nice memories, beautiful pictures that don't show trash on the ground or graffiti all over the place."

Saipan is expected to draw more tourists in conjunction with Skymark Airlines Inc.'s non-stop daily regular flights from Tokyo-Narita to Saipan that is set to launch on Nov. 29.

"[All these are] inclusive of the beautification program because we are cleaning our island. Beautification is not just planting ornamental plants, or painting the curbs," he said.

The beautification program has been reprioritized by the mayor's office early this year, following the cleanup operations that had to be implemented due to Super Typhoon Yutu.

One of the operations crew, Jeff Magofna, said they have been cleaning up sites along highways.



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# Saipan Chamber to elect board members tomorrow

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will elect the new members of its board at its monthly general membership meeting tomorrow, Nov. 6, 2019, at the ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

The Chamber will also launch a new and improved official website, with a presentation on the website's new features, which include discussion forums, employment opportunity listings, collaborative community calendar, the Member-to-Member Information Center App, and more.

"This website will change the way we as the Chamber move our business community forward through enterprise," said a statement from the Chamber yesterday.

Together with the meeting is the annual election of the Chamber's board of directors. The Chamber elects its board each year in November for the following year. Four positions are available.

This year, our candidates are: Alex Sablan (Century Insurance), Glen Hunter (The Shack), Michael Dotts (Dotts Law Office), Michael S. Johnson (Deloitte & Touche), Perry Inos, Jr. (Triple J Saipan), Ron Smith (Angil Design), and Velma M. Palacios (IT&E).

## ALEX A. SABLAN

Sablan has been involved with the Chamber for over 27 years and has served on the Chamber board for over 20 years.



Sablan

Sablan is or has served as a chairman or board member for the following organizations: member, 2016 and 2019 of Governor Torres Covenant Section 902 Consultations Team; chairman, Northern Mariana Business Alliance Corp.; member, Garapan Revitalization Committee; vice chair, Pacific Century Fellows; president, Fiesta Resort and Spa "Rockers" Soccer Club; chair, 2017 & 2018 Executive, Legislature & Judicial Advisory Salary Commission; vice chair, 2015 and 2019 CNMI Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy; Commonwealth Cancer Association; member, Guam Chamber of Commerce

Maritime Affairs Committee; member, board of directors, Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands; member, advisory board for the CNMI Public Radio KRNM 88/89.1 FM; chair, Past Presidents Council of the Rotary Club of Saipan; president, Association of Seaport Tenants and Operators of Saipan, Inc.; and board member, CNMI Contractors Association.

He also previously served as the CNMI representative to the American Cancer Society Guam/CNMI Presence Unit board of directors; chair, 2000 American Cancer Society Relay for Life Event; president, Rotary Club of Saipan; board member, Rotary Club of Saipan; and member, Kagman Komunitat Association. Sablan was the Chamber representative for the regional exclusive economic zone forum with Guam delegates and has served as chairman of both the Government Relations and Economic Development Committee and the Events Committee.

He currently works at Tan Holdings as vice president of Corporate Business Development. Prior to this and for over 20 years, Sablan held management positions in the transportation industry on Saipan and Guam, at Saipan Shipping Company as its marketing/administration manager; he was an owner's representative for a multi-diversified transportation company: heading Seabridge Micronesia as managing director; Pacific Air Inc., general sales agent for Northwest Airlines Passenger and Cargo Sales, as general manager-Saipan and Micronesia; and Saipan Crew Boats and Saipan Pilots, as general manager. Sablan has also been the general manager of Ambyth Shipping on Saipan.

Sablan is married to Jolene Guerrero Sablan and they enjoy their children and three grandchildren: Jesse Jr., Nicolas, and Levi.

## GLEN HUNTER

Hunter is the owner of three Chamber member companies: The Shack, the Airstream, Go Hydro.

He has been a member of



Hunter

the Chamber for the last 13 years (PTC, then Transpacific, then The Shack). Most recently, he's been actively engaged with the membership committee, helping with new membership orientations, mentoring new entrepreneurs at Pitchfest, and co-conducting trainings for the Saipan Young Professionals.

As an entrepreneur and small business owner, Hunter is running for the board of directors to provide insight on the issues impacting small businesses and support initiatives that will lead to sustainable development on the islands.

## MICHAEL DOTTS

Dotts is a lawyer and the owner of the Dotts Law Office, a law firm with three attorneys serving Saipan businesses, and a Chamber member.

Dotts has been involved



Dotts

with the Chamber on and off for more than 20 years.

Recently Dotts has been involved with the Chamber's government relations committee and helps comment on proposed legislation that will affect Saipan businesses.

He is running for the board because right now more than ever there are problems facing Saipan businesses and he hopes that his experience as an attorney will be a benefit to the board in standing up for the business community.

## MICHAEL S. JOHNSON

Johnson is the office managing partner of Deloitte on Saipan and is a long-time resident. He is a certified public accountant, a member of the



Johnson

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, a member of the CNMI Society of Certified Public Accountants, initial chair of the CNMI Board of Accountancy, president of the CNMI Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants, and treasurer of the Hotel Association of the NMI.

Johnson has been a member of the Chamber for 29 years and has served 15 years on the board of directors. As an active board member, Johnson has served as treasurer for the last five years ensuring accountability and fiscal responsibility with Chamber finances.

Johnson cares deeply about the wellbeing of the Commonwealth and believes this is supported by a strong business community. He wants to continue ensuring accountability and fiscal responsibility of SCC.

## PERRY INOS JR.

Inos is the Business Development manager of Triple J Saipan. He has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, and is completing his masters in International Business and Finance. He has been twice recognized by Marianas



Inos

Business Journal for his accomplishments as a young entrepreneur and professional.

Inos has been a member of the Chamber for seven years and has served four years on the board of directors. He has engaged in the GREL Chamber committee, BoD Human Resources, and BoD Branding special committees. He also recently served as a mentor and judge for the inaugural Pitchfest event, helping young entrepreneurs.

Inos brings consistency, energy, determination, and experience to the board. His main goal this coming term is to elevate the Chamber to national standards, strive to bring more resources to its membership, and give value to membership dollars.

## RON SMITH

Ron Smith is president of Angil Design, Inc.

He has been a member of the Chamber for 19 years, and has served on the board of di-



Smith

rectors for two terms. Along with being actively engaged in the Government Relations Committee, Smith also volunteers his technical support for the Chamber office and provides on-demand assistance with technical editing of Chamber correspondence and documents.

Smith is running for a board position because he believes that he can make a positive contribution to the board through strong consensus building and a significant contribution toward the concise formulation of board statements and policies.

Smith will bring a long-term perspective informed by extensive experience gained from work with multiple government agencies and private companies. In addition, he has extensive and diverse experience serving on the boards of NGOs, which can be leveraged to benefit the Chamber.

## VELMA PALACIOS

Palacios is the director, Network of Operations & Engineering, at Chamber member IT&E Saipan.

Palacios has been a member of the Chamber for more than 10 years and has served over seven years on the board of directors, serving the last four terms as president. As president for the Chamber, Palacios

actively engages in meetings with federal and local government partners, local business associations, and members on behalf of the Chamber. She also tries to actively engage in all Chamber committee work.

Palacios is running for a board position to continue private/public partnership with



Palacios

respect to workforce issues, infrastructure and other ways to ensure a sustainable development to support the CNMI economy.

All Chamber member representatives will be given the opportunity to vote for their candidate of choice. Number of votes is determined by company membership category (i.e., Category B- two votes) Your name must be listed as an official representative. The Chamber is also accepting proxy votes with the submission of an official email and/or completed proxy form.

Lunch will be served at 11:30am and the meeting will begin promptly at noon. The luncheon fee is \$25/Chamber member and \$35/non-member. The Chamber is accepting reservations of six or more. To reserve or for more information, contact the Chamber office at (670) 234-7150 or email [administrator@saipan-chamber.com](mailto:administrator@saipan-chamber.com). (PR)

## USCIS adjusting premium processing fee

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Beginning Nov. 29, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is adjusting the fee to request premium processing for certain employment-based petitions.

The premium processing fee will increase to \$1,440 from the current fee of \$1,410 for Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker, and Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker.

This increase, which is done in accordance with the Immigration and Nationality Act, reflects the full amount of inflation from the imple-

mentation of the premium processing fee in June 2001 through August 2019 based on the consumer price index for all urban consumers. USCIS last increased the fee in 2018.

Premium processing is an optional service currently authorized for certain petitioners filing Forms I-129 or I-140. The system allows petitioners to request 15-day processing of these forms if they pay an extra fee. The premium processing fee is paid in addition to the base filing fee and any other applicable fees. It cannot be waived. (USCIS)

» Fee increase consistent with the consumer price index



# Judge: Settlement Fund claims vs CUC not resolved

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood has ruled that the NMI Settlement Fund's claims against the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to recover unpaid obligations in a Superior Court case were not resolved by the settlement deal in Betty Johnson's class action.

In the same order issued Thursday last week, Tydingco-Gatewood prevented the trustee of the NMI Settlement Fund from prosecuting the Superior Court case against the CNMI government to recover the unpaid pension liabilities of CUC.

In granting the Settlement Fund's motion to enforce final judgment approving Johnson's class action, Tydingco-Gatewood ruled that, under the terms of the settlement agreement, the Settlement Fund, in place of the NMI Retirement Fund, is permitted to continue to prosecute the Superior Court case against CUC to recover unpaid obligations owed by CUC.

The judge said CUC is an autonomous agency separate and distinct from the Commonwealth, with its own capacity to sue and be sued.

Based on the language of the Johnson settlement agree-

ment, Tydingco-Gatewood determined that it is clear and unambiguous that the parties did not agree to release the NMI Retirement Fund's claims against CUC for unpaid employer contributions.

Instead, Tydingco-Gatewood said, these claims against CUC were assigned and transferred to the Settlement Fund as "assets of the CNMI Fund."

She said Johnson's settlement agreement specifically excluded the NMI Retirement Fund's claims against CUC from settlement, and unlike the claims against all other autonomous agencies, these claims were not assigned to the Commonwealth.

By carving out the exception with respect to the "rights and liabilities related to the Superior Court action," Tydingco-Gatewood finds that the parties agreed that the Settlement Fund would retain the right to collect the unpaid employer contributions from CUC in the Superior Court case, consistent with the settlement agreement.

In granting the CNMI government's motion to enforce the settlement agreement, Tydingco-Gatewood said it is clear from the explicit language of two paragraphs in the settlement agreement and

the settlement agreement as a whole, that any claim against the Commonwealth, "whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected which plaintiff, the settlement class or the [NMI Retirement Fund] asserted or could have asserted in the Johnson's class action prior to the date of final approval," was released and any suit to assert such claim is barred.

This prohibition, the judge said, includes the Settlement Fund's claims in the complaint against the Commonwealth in the Superior Court's action but does not include the claims asserted against CUC.

According to court records, the NMI Retirement Fund sued CUC in 2011 in Superior Court to collect unpaid wages contributions. The NMI Retirement Fund sought a judgment in the total amount of \$4.4 million, calculated as of April 2011.

In 2013, the District Court gave final approval to the global settlement agreement in Johnson's class action against the CNMI government and the NMI Retirement Fund.

With the final approval, all Retirement Fund assets were transferred to the Settlement Fund, which is administered by a court-appointed trustee, the law firm of Civile and Tang PLLC.

In 2017, the Retirement Fund, CUC, the CNMI, and Settlement Fund agreed to the substitution of the Settlement Fund as the plaintiff in the Superior Court lawsuit, pursuant to the Johnson's settlement deal.

In April 2019, the Settlement Fund filed its first amended complaint in Superior Court and added the CNMI as CUC's co-defendant.

The Settlement Fund's amended complaint charged the Commonwealth with breach of contract, violating the Commonwealth Constitution, violating a CNMI statute, and violating the federal contracts clause—all for not paying its pension obligations—and for "void assignment of debt."

CUC moved to dismiss the lawsuit, asserting that the CNMI government absorbed all liabilities owed the NMI Settlement Fund as of Aug. 6, 2013, through the Johnson settlement agreement.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and the CNMI government also requested the District Court to prevent the Settlement Fund from prosecuting any further action against the Commonwealth in the Superior Court.

Deputy attorney general Lillian A. Tenorio, counsel for Torres and the CNMI government, said the Settle-

ment Fund disregarded the settlement agreement when it re-alleged these settled claims against the Commonwealth in its Superior Court lawsuit.

Tenorio said the settlement agreement settled all liabilities of the Commonwealth and its agencies to the CNMI Retirement Fund as of Aug. 3, 2013.

Tenorio noted that the parties agreed to a judgment in the sum of \$779 million, or the equivalent of the actuarial present value of the settlement class members' benefits.

Tenorio said that allowing the Settlement Fund to pursue claims

against the Commonwealth for additional contributions constitutes double recovery.

The NMI Settlement Fund, through counsel Nicole M. Torres-Ripple, opposed the CNMI's motion to enforce Johnson's settlement agreement.

Torres-Ripple said the CNMI's disavowing the settlement agreement in Johnson's class action it made and refusing to recognize the Settlement Fund's right to proceed on these claims against the government to recover unpaid employer contributions is tantamount to bad faith. **(Ferdie De La Torre)**



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## NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) hereby gives notice that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Friday, November 8, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at As Pari's Restaurant located in Songsong Village on the island of Rota. The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

### AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
  1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Adoption of Agenda
  4. Adoption of Minutes (August 27, 2019)
- II. BOARD ORGANIZATION**
  1. Election of Officers
  2. Appointment to Standing Committees
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**
- IV. CORRESPONDENCES**
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  1. Financial Affairs Committee
  2. Airport Facilities Committee
  3. Seaport Facilities Committee
  4. Personnel Affairs Committee
- VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
- VII. OLD BUSINESS**
  1. Final Adoption of Seaport Regulations for Small Boat Operations
  2. Final Adoption of Proposed Personnel Rules and Regulations – Anti-bullying and various matters
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS**
  1. Airline Users Agreement – Disability language
  2. Personnel Matter: Tinian Ports Manager Employment Contract
  3. DLNR Memorandum of Agreement for Rota West Harbor Small Boat Marina
  4. Supplemental Budget Request: Insurance Premiums
  5. Supplemental Budget Request: Biometric Timeclock System (upgrade)
  6. Supplemental Budget Request: Rota Automated Weather Observation System
  7. Saipan Airport Master Plan Update Amendment No. 2
  8. Tinian International Airport Car Rental Concession
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    - b. Procurement Method
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  11. Echo Dock
    - a. Scope of Concession
    - b. Procurement Method
- IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
  - Legal Counsel Reports: Legal matters/Litigation
- X. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**
- XI. ADJOURNMENT**

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

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Chairwoman, Board of Directors

November 4, 2019

## Promoting culture and language through music

Finding it difficult to learn the indigenous languages? Try music.

Northern Marianas Humanities Council executive director Leo Pangelinan, who also serves as a board member of the Marianas Association, believes music could be used as a tool to teach the language.

Created in early 2017, the MMA was organized by local musicians to inspire young musicians and help strengthen the indigenous languages: Chamorro and Carolinian.

"We try to promote the culture and language through music," Pangelinan said. "We do music clinics for the youth in schools. We show them how to play the ukulele, the guitar, the keyboards, popular instruments in Chamorro music..."

The goal is to teach Chamorro for people who find it hard to do so in the traditional way.

"Music is, I think, the most pervasive experience. Anyone in our community has [access] to Chamorro music," Pangelinan adds. "Sometimes, you're driving and the radio is on, mostly KKMP, and there's Chamorro music playing. So, even though you're not going to open a book and try to read Chamorro, you're being exposed to that in the privacy of your car." **(Iva Maurin)**

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## EDITORIAL

### A lesson on integrity

**T**witter CEO Jack Dorsey struck a needed blow for tech integrity and democracy Wednesday when he said that the social networking company would pull the plug on political ads.

If only Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg would see the light. For decades tech companies were renowned for embracing the highest standards of business ethics and respecting the needs of their customers.

Zuckerberg has arguably done more in the last decade to destroy public trust in tech than any CEO in Silicon Valley history.

His stubborn refusal to vet political ads for accuracy threatens the integrity of our elections — and those of countries around the world — and the future of democracy. If that wasn't enough, Zuckerberg continues to line his pockets by invading the privacy of Facebook's 2.4 billion users. Bill Hewlett and David Packard must be spinning in their graves. Zuckerberg may have a fortune of nearly \$70 billion, but history will not treat him kindly.

Even Facebook employees are appalled. The New York Times recently published a letter sent to Zuckerberg by 250 Facebook employees in which they said, "Misinformation affects us all," and "Free speech and paid speech are not the same thing."

It wasn't a coincidence that Dorsey timed his announcement minutes before Zuckerberg made an earnings call that showed Facebook's financial performance exceeded analysts' expectations.

"We believe political message reach should be earned, not bought," Dorsey said.

Dorsey also tweeted: "This is about paying for reach. And paying to increase the reach of political speech has significant ramifications that today's democratic infrastructure may not be prepared to handle. It's worth stepping back in order to address."

No one knows how much misinformation played a role in the outcome of the 2016 presidential election. At first, Zuckerberg claimed there was no effect. But, as evidence poured out, Zuckerberg apologized after admitting in 2017 that Russian operatives used Facebook to spread divisive messages by purchasing at least 3,000 ads on its site.

Zuckerberg wrote on his personal Facebook page, "For the ways my work was used to divide people rather than bring us together, I ask forgiveness and I will work to do better."

Really? If so, it's hard to tell.

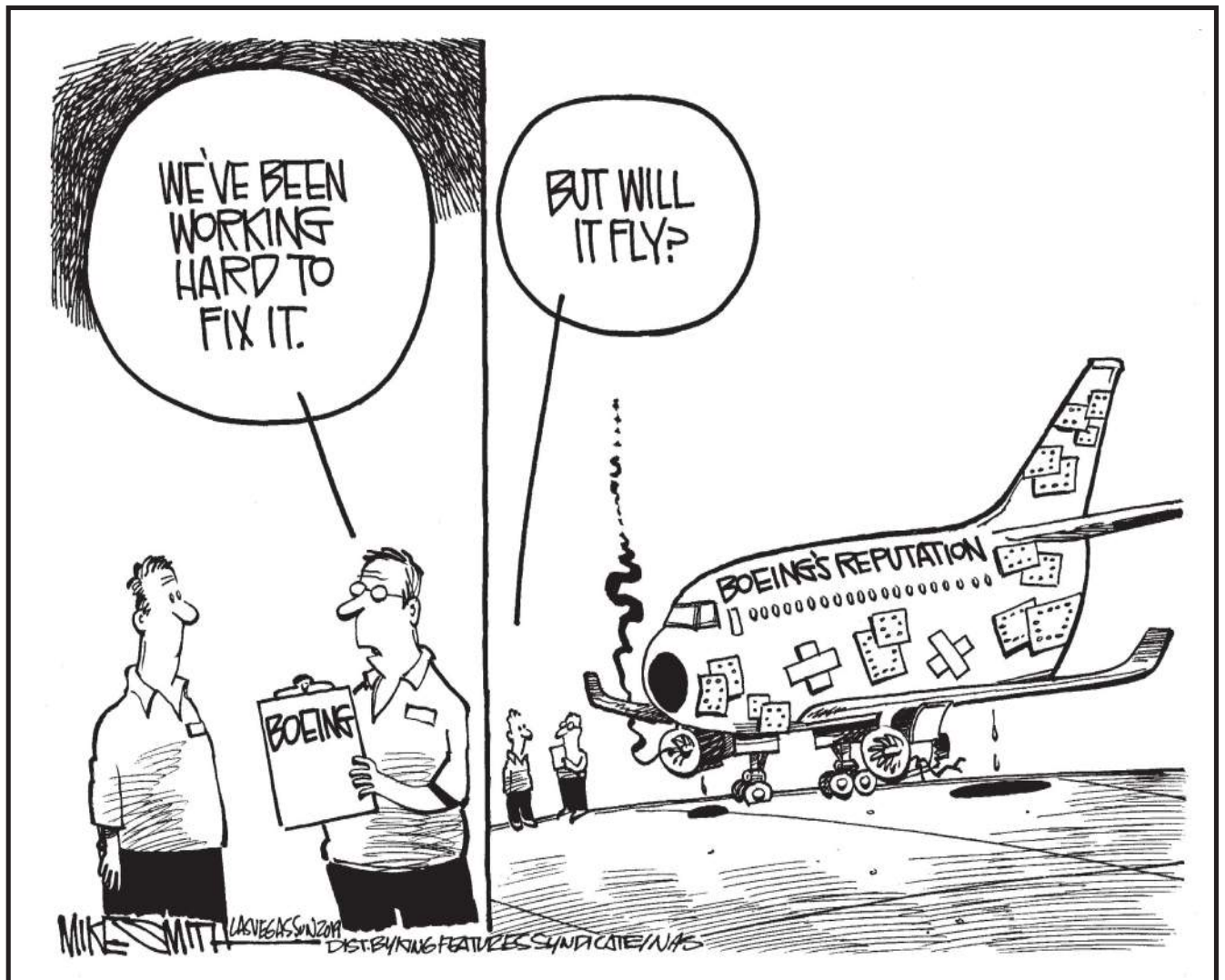
Zuckerberg tried Wednesday to defend Facebook's policy of allowing false political ads by saying he didn't "think it right for private companies to censor politicians and the news."

That puts Facebook in the position of knowingly joining forces for financial gain with those spreading lies and misinformation for political gain. Separating fact from fiction in political ads is time-consuming work, but it's a basic responsibility for those who publish them. If Zuckerberg is not prepared to do the work, he should stop accepting the ads.

Zuckerberg is right when he says that political ads make up less than 0.5% of Facebook's revenues, or roughly \$300 million. But, while that might not be a lot of money to the billionaire, it's nearly half of all the money candidates have raised so far in the presidential election.

He's also correct when he says other companies, includ-

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### Disney could use Shaq's moxie

**W**hen it comes to Orlando, millions of Chinese think of two things—Disney and Shaquille O'Neal. That may change, thanks to one of those things speaking from the heart and not the wallet.

The flashpoint was Hong Kong, of course. When the topic came up last week, O'Neal said Houston General Manager Daryl Morey was right when he tweeted "Fight for Freedom, Stand with Hong Kong."

When Disney CEO Bob Iger was asked to weigh in, a communist frog apparently jumped down his throat. "We've learned how complicated this is," Iger said. "The biggest thing we've learned is caution is imperative."

That no doubt pleased president Xi Jinping and the ruling party members in Beijing. After Morey's tweet set off an international firestorm last month, they ordered Houston Rockets merchandise removed from stores in China.

Now they could make all visible traces of O'Neal disappear. He doesn't have nearly as much invested in China as Disney, but it's noteworthy to hear a basketball icon risk the wrath of the People's Republic.

Most of them have lost their voices about Hong Kong. Well, LeBron James did reportedly speak up and ask NBA commissioner Adam Silver why Morey wasn't punished for endangering the NBA's multibillion-dollar business in China.

James and the NBA, ever willing to critique America's social failings, were ripped for their hypocrisy. Disney has largely managed to fly under that radar, but Iger's "caution is imperative" spiel shows the Mouse can swallow its principles with the worst of them.

Disney has two theme parks in China, the latest being the \$5.5 billion Shanghai Disney Resort, which opened in 2016. It's partnered with China's Ministry of Culture to develop the country's film industry, knowing there are tons of yuan to be made in a market of 1.4 billion people.

That makes it a bit more dicey to fly your social-justice flag in Beijing than in Atlanta.

Iger said Disney might not film movies in Georgia after that state passed a bill prohibiting abortions after six weeks of pregnancy. Yet Disney's last "Star Wars" installment was filmed in places like Ireland and Bolivia, where abortion is almost completely illegal.

It was certainly legal and enforced in China, where 336 million would-be humans were aborted under the country's one-child policy.

That didn't seem to bother Disney as it set up shop in China. Iger's

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big on gun control, so he's probably on board with China's policy.

Only government security forces can have firearms. That makes it much easier to keep a million Muslims in concentration camps, which are not exactly the happiest places on earth.

And unlike in the U.S., you can be sure Disney won't be filing any friend of the court briefs urging the Chinese Supreme Court to rule in favor of marriage equality. China isn't really into LGBT rights, though it's not as bad Saudi Arabia.

Being gay there is punishable by death, though that hasn't stopped Disney from kicking around the idea of building a theme park in Saudi Arabia.

Multinational corporations deserve some leeway as they navigate these cultural waters. As Iger said, it's complicated.

But some things are simple.

When you're asked about an ongoing human-rights travesty abroad, you don't go silent. Especially when you're a trailblazing humanitarian at home.

What's the right thing to say?

"One of our best values here in America is free speech. We're allowed to say what we want to say, and we're allowed to speak up about injustices, and that's just how it goes.

"And if people don't understand that, that's something that they have to deal with."

That was O'Neal at an NBA opening-night party. Shaq is no Disney, but he is a one-man multinational corporation.

He says he makes more money now as an entrepreneur than he did playing basketball. Consumers have related to the 7-foot-1 man-child since he broke into the NBA with the Orlando Magic.

An NBA executive was visiting Guilin, China, back then. The New York Times reported the tour guide didn't know who the executive was, but he introduced Guilin as "The sister city of

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## Three fundamental asset-protection strategies

Last time we discussed five reasons why you need asset protection in your life. Those reasons include what you'd expect like preventing lawsuits, reducing the cost of resolving them when they do happen, and generally increasing the chance you'll keep your stuff when bad things happen. But they also extend to improving your financial plan and gaining greater peace of mind.

Now let's talk about the three overarching strategies for doing just that. They are exemption planning, titling your assets in a protective entity, and equity stripping.

Let's begin with exemption planning. This form of planning centers on owning as many assets as possible that enjoy some form of statutory protection from lawsuits and creditors. These assets are known as exempt assets. They normally include personal residences, personal effects like furniture and clothing; pensions and retirement funds such as IRAs, 401(K)s, and pensions; and life insurance.

But whether an asset is actually exempt varies from place to place. Florida, for instance, has a generous exemption for personal residences while the Commonwealth does not. This matters a lot if you own assets in more than one state or if you move from place to place.

Likewise, the strength of the exemption shifts with the situation. Take, for instance, an IRA. In a bankruptcy, an IRA will receive considerable protection—typically up to \$1 million. But in a tax case, it won't receive much protection at all.

Next up is titling assets into a protective entity. This strategy involves having your assets owned by a trust or company that is beyond the reach of your creditors. Sometimes that means parking money in a trust. Other times, it means moving assets into a limited liability company or a family limited partnership.

Consider a common example for wealthy folks. They often form a trust in a far-flung locale like the Cayman Islands and then appoint a person in that jurisdiction to manage the trust. Why? Because U.S. court's have no authority over the Cayman Islands. So, even if a U.S. court orders the offshore trust to turn over money, the court has no power to force the offshore trust to comply.

But asset protection does not require going far from home. Another popular tool is a family limited partnership, which is actually no different from a limited partnership except that the partners are family members. The benefit of this structure is two-fold. First, it enables the family to move assets behind the LP's asset shield and, second, it can reduce estates taxes for a variety of reasons beyond the scope of this article.

That brings us to our third strategy: Equity stripping. This approach involves encumbering the asset with liens to make it less attractive for creditors. The most common version of equity stripping happens by accident in most cases—a mortgage.

To see how it works, let's look at an example. Say that you find a house worth \$500,000. If you bought the house with cash, then you have \$500,000 worth of equity in the house. And all of that equity is fair game for your creditors.

But what if you paid \$100,000 in cash and used a loan for the remaining \$400,000? Now your equity is \$100,000 and your debt is \$400,000. And your lender would stand first in line to take back the property if anything goes wrong. So, your other creditors would not have access to any of your equity until the lender was out of the picture.

The downside of debt-based equity stripping is that it is expensive to do legally. After all, bank loans don't come cheap—at least in the Commonwealth. To get around this, some people will file a bogus lien on their property. In other words, they will find a friend and ask them to file a lien pretending to create a significant debt. But this is fraud and easy for creditors to attack if they get wind of the plan.

Fortunately, there are better ways to equity strip than loading up an asset with debt. A better way is to encumber the asset with an obligation. For example, you could start an LLC with two

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owners, have one owner contribute the startup costs in exchange for a small percentage of the ownership (usually between 1% and 5%), and have the other promise to contribute a much bigger sum over time in exchange for the balance of the ownership. The LLC can then use that promise to place a lien on the second owner's property. That lien, in turn, would trump other creditors.

As you can see, the menu of asset-protection strategies is extensive. In fact, there are hundreds, if not thousands, of variations that mix and match these basic ingredients. If you'd like to sample any of the meals on that menu, talk to an asset-protection expert. This is not an area of law where you want to go it alone or partner with a generalist.

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**LESSON**

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ing Google-owned YouTube, publish false or misleading political ads. But that doesn't make it right. That others do it is a pathetic excuse for Facebook, especially given the company's record of enabling political manipulation.

A day of reckoning awaits Facebook and other tech companies if they fail to get ahead of basic integrity issues that threaten long-held American values. Twitter's Jack Dorsey on Wednesday took a step in the right direction. The question is to what degree will others \_ especially Facebook \_ follow?

(c)2019 *The Mercury News* (San Jose, Calif.)**DISNEY**

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Orlando, Fla. The home of Shaquille O'Neal!"

Shaq was a huge marketing item as the NBA opened business in China. Fans called him "Da-sha-yu," or "Big Shark," and "Ao-pang"—"O'Fatty."

A shoe company erected a 50-foot statue of him in a Beijing Park in 2006. If it's still there, Xi's henchmen are probably dismantling it as we speak.

One of O'Neal's jobs is analyzing the NBA for TNT, which is where Hong Kong came up. Interestingly, on-air employees at Disney-owned ESPN were told to avoid the subject.

Equally interesting, TNT initially promoted the Hong Kong discussion on Twitter, then quickly deleted it.

It must have gotten a call from NBA headquarters, which had gotten a call from Beijing's state-controlled media department.

In this cold, calculating business drama, one giant truly stands tall.

"If something comes across my desk, and I don't believe in it, I don't even look at it," O'Neal told *The Wall Street Journal*. "Whenever I do business, it's not about the money."

That's why Orlando can be a lot prouder these days of the Big Shark than the little Mouse.

And if we like him here, they must love him in Hong Kong.

## Rep. Katie Hill resigned because she behaved unethically, 'revenge porn' aside

California Rep. Katie Hill resigned Sunday, a week after the conservative blog RedState published nude photos of the congresswoman. The website alleged that the freshman Democrat had an affair with a male congressional staffer and had been involved with a female staffer in a so-called "throuple," meaning a sexual relationship involving three parties.

Hill has denied a relationship with her male legislative director, but did admit to and apologize for an affair with her female campaign staffer. She blamed the whole ordeal on an "abusive" ex-husband who was angry they were divorcing and wanted to get his pound of flesh (pun not intended, but unavoidable). Hill said she believes her husband leaked the photos as "revenge porn" to retaliate against her in the middle of their divorce.

The "revenge porn" claims have people clamoring to Hill's defense, which is what gets me about the reaction to her predicament. Writer Moira Donegan in the *Guardian* argued that releasing those nude photos was cruel and reeked of misogyny: "Revenge porn, an increasingly common tactic of misogynist rancor, is not par for the acrimonious political course. It is a particularly hateful gesture, meant to humiliate and degrade its target. The very point of revenge porn is to discredit its victims, because in the misogynist logic that propels it, for a woman to have sex is to surrender her claims to privacy, authority, or the belief or sympathy of others."

Reading these words, I am reminded of Hill's reaction to the accusations against Brett Kavanaugh, who was the target of allegations of rape and sexual misconduct, none of which were proven. Notwithstanding the lack of damning evidence, Hill decided to jump on the #MeToo bandwagon and called the now Supreme Court justice a "serial predator" when she was still running for her congressional seat. The fact that there was no conclusive evidence that he had done anything wrong did not stop the candidate, so it is a bit rich now for someone to suggest that using documented misconduct against her is "misogyny."

It's fine to take issue with published nude images of the congresswoman, which did not have to be widely shared to substantiate her affair. But all the outcry about "revenge porn" ignores that Hill has now publicly admitted to a relationship

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with one of her subordinate staffers.

And this is where I get really angry. The whole idea that a woman who has misbehaved must be treated with special care or else we can play the "misogyny" card is repellent. The idea that a legitimate investigation into the misconduct of a public official is in any way abuse is outrageous. The suggestion that it was OK to essentially comb through the life of Kavanaugh (or other male targets of the #MeToo movement) to find proof of criminal or unethical activity, but doing the same with a woman is a step too far, should make feminists from Gloria Steinem to Alyssa Milano hang their heads in shame.

But the thing is, it won't. We have seen that even though women demand equal treatment, many will fall back on sexist defense mechanisms, dismissing any allegations that come by way of a man as antiwoman and hand-waving them away. If revealing private and sensitive material about a man is fair game when trying to assess guilt or innocence, or unethical behavior, doing the same thing with a woman should not be reduced to "misogyny." We cannot require that the playing field be leveled when women want it to be, but that special hills be left intact for those women who want to be treated with a respect for their private lives that we have lately denied to men.

Some will lecture me about the historical double standards women have faced, being called "sluts" where men who misbehaved were called "studs." That is true. But that is also irrelevant to a legitimate ethics complaint.






A member of the House of Representatives admitted to an affair. She was under investigation by the House Ethics Committee. She had her right to due process, but chose to resign.

Nothing to see here—move on

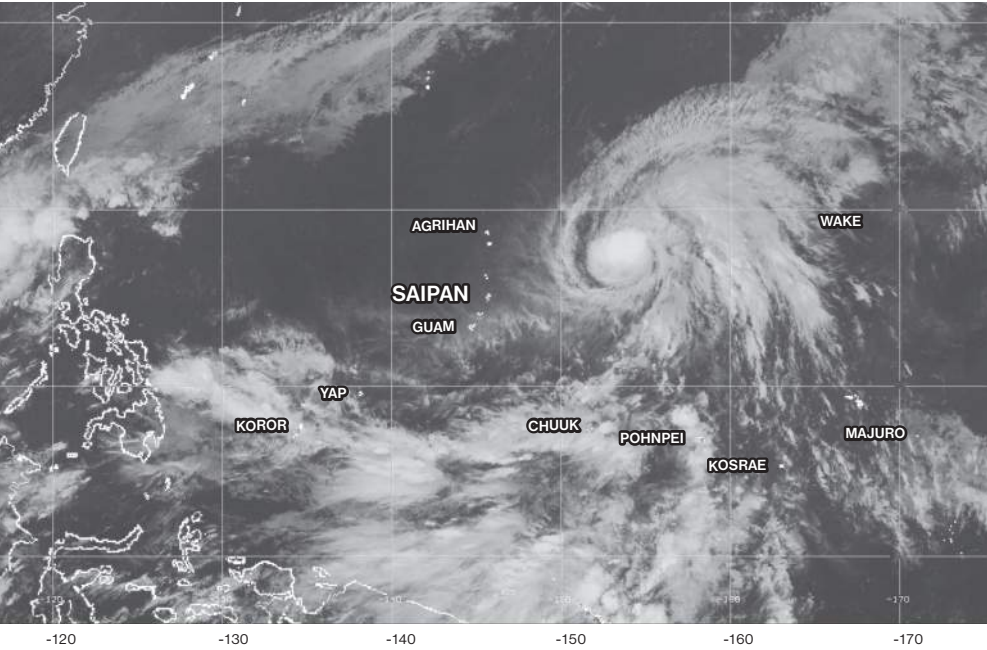


# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

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Partly cloudy with isolated showers. North winds around 10 mph.		Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Northeast winds around 10 mph.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	
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## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



**PICTURE TIME: 8:05 AM, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A dry weather pattern is expected the next few days. Models show 700 mb relative humidity at or below 50 percent through Tuesday night. With the humidity at that level only isolated showers are expected. The dry air is probably caused, at least in part, from subsidence generated by Typhoon Halong.

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Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°			
Palau	Thunderstorms	84° / 78°			
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°			
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°			
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°			
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°			
Majuro	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°			

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲	▼	°F
Auckland	Cloudy	66° / 59°			
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	61° / 37°			
Hong Kong	Showers	87° / 76°			
Honolulu	Showers	86° / 73°			
London	Mostly Cloudy	54° / 39°			
Los Angeles	Sunny	81° / 59°			
Manila	Thunderstorms	88° / 79°			
Melbourne	Showers	72° / 55°			
Miami	Partly Cloudy	84° / 79°			
New York	Cloudy	61° / 42°			
Osaka	Cloudy	68° / 55°			
Paris	Showers	54° / 45°			
Busan	Mostly Sunny	66° / 52°			
Rome	Rain	70° / 57°			
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	65° / 53°			
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	65° / 47°			
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	61° / 39°			
Tokyo	Sunny	68° / 48°			
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	64° / 41°			

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
12:20 AM	HIGH TIDE		1.21
7:57 AM	LOW TIDE		0.13
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10:07 PM	LOW TIDE		0.95

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Today	6:14 AM	5:46 PM
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Saturday	6:15 AM	5:45 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
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UA105	6:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4	UA104	4:50pm	5:30pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:20am	6:30am	Daily	7C3452	9:35pm	2:30am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
				7C3452	10:05pm	2:30am+1	3
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	2:05am	6:05am	Daily	OZ6233	8:00am	1:20pm	2, 4, 6
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OZ626	2:50am	6:25am	3, 7	7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 4, 5, 6	OZ625	7:30pm	1:00am+1	7
7C3403	4:35am	8:35am	Daily	TW307	7:45pm	1:05am+1	Daily
OZ6243	3:20pm	7:10pm	2, 4, 6	OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
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7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily				
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)				HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
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JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4	JD395	8:50pm	5:00am+1	7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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UA117/183	9:15am	9:50pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/625	12:05pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
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## INTERVIEW OF THE MONTH

## Miss Kathy Winkfield: Math &amp; volleyball guru

**W**hat do you consider as your talents/strong sides of your character?

The strong sides of my character are my patience, determination, and positivity. Those three characteristics are what made me who I am today, an educator, coach, mentor, adviser, volunteer, wife, sister, mother and has helped me achieve every goal that I have set my mind to accomplish.

**What requires the most skills teaching mathematics, playing volleyball, or being a Mother?**

Hands down being a mother. That is one role that requires you to be a teacher, nurse, cook, comedian, storyteller, playmate, cleaner, lifeguard, counselor, just to name a few at a moment's notice and sometimes all at one time.

**Why volleyball of all other sports?**

Volleyball has been a sport that I have always enjoyed with my friends but my school did not have a team. My friends and I had petitioned to have a team starting our freshman year in high school and we finally got one my senior. I unexpectedly got nominated the co-captain position which was a little nerve-wracking for me at first since I was not very comfortable and familiar with the players on the team but it definitely was an experience that has helped me become the enthusiastic, avid volleyball player I am today.

During the years I did not play volleyball in high school, one of the sports my school



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Kathy Winkfield with husband Jacoby, son Cortland, and daughter Amethyst pose with Forbidden Island in the background.

was fortunate to have was fencing and that is one sport that I fell in love with. I was a fencer for all four years of high school until my sophomore year in college. However, because of the expenses of the equipment and rarity of the sport in places that I moved to it was difficult to continue.

After high school, I had been exposed to 6 vs 6 indoor and 2 vs 2 beach volleyball in college, then 9-man in Japan, 4 vs 4 and 2 vs 2 grass and indoor upon my return to Stateside. So, volleyball is quite dynamic and can be played in various turfs and various formations that make it so intriguing, adaptable in any environment, exciting and fun. Each style has different rules and plays that cater to different groups of players.

Best of all, it's become a sport that my siblings and I have grown to love to play together. Every time I go back home to New Jersey, we always spend majority of the time playing volleyball with each other.

**What are the most exciting and surprising discoveries you have made about yourself**

**when you started playing sports?**

Understanding how my body adapted to each sport as well as my love for competition and the desire to keep improving to become a better player and athlete. Another thing was realizing that it was not only the physical aspect of the sport but the mental aspect of it that was just as challenging and crucial to succeeding. I remember reading somewhere that fencing was described as physical chess which is exactly what it was a physical, mind-reading sport that lasted 3 minutes for each five-touch bout. You had to understand how to defeat your



Kathy Winkfield poses with younger sister Amanda Peng and older brothers Chris and Joel Peng.



Kathy Winkfield and the Winkfield household in a jovial mood.

opponent within 3 minutes to win the bout. Volleyball it's a matter of reading, expecting, and understanding your opponent's or team's habits and moves to predict what will possibly happen for you to make the next move to win the point.

**Does your knowledge in math help in volleyball?**

I actually never really thought about it but yes! Lots of geometry that can be connected with every motion. I find myself describing motions in terms of angles when I coach sometimes.

**What would you like to achieve in teaching math and volleyball?**

In math, I want to help students relieve that fear of math and realize the relevance and practical use of it.

In volleyball, I want to help people develop a love for the sport and understand the fundamentals of the sport to play it properly

**What makes you happy?**

My family. I love to come home and be greeted with the smiles of my children and husband as well as getting reunited with my immediate and extended family all over the world.

**What makes a champion the champion?**

A champion is someone who understands what their strengths and weaknesses are both physically and mentally and learns to exploit their strengths and strengthen their weaknesses. Self-reflection and determination to become better is the key to their success. They treat opponents as partners as a means to improve themselves as well as their team and opponents and believe that any victory is possible.

**If going on an inhabitant island adventure,**

By **ALEX MEGINO**  
Kagman High School 10th Grade Student

**what are the three things and three people you'd take with you?**

Three things I would take is a camera to capture every moment, proper footwear for any hikes that I would go explore on, and a swimsuit to enjoy the water.

Three people I would take are my husband, son, and daughter. (I'm so glad you said three, otherwise I would have a very difficult time with that one)

**What are the most essential things/skills you'd teach your children?**

One, to be kind and loving; two, to reach for your goals; three, to explore the world; four, God is always there for you and that you are never alone, and five, live life to its fullest!

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# Young poets in our society

The creative writing class of Leila Staffler for school year 2018-2019 and the creative writing class of Nicole Sablan for school year 2017-2018 collaborate in this literary showcase.

## My Rainbow Room

By NOE'LANI ROMOLOR  
KAGMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Mama always told me not to come out  
"Stay inside and color your rainbow like everyone else"  
Mama made sure that only daddy could see  
"We have a reputation to protect"  
I don't know what that means

My closet is packed with such plentiful style  
My colorful jeans and shirts in a neat colored pile  
My dad thinks it's a "company disgrace"  
The boy next door says it suits my "pretty face"

I end up grounded when I step out to breathe  
But it's more suffocating out here than it usually seems  
I feel more unhappy when I look at my rainbow  
There is no more light, only secrets and sorrow

My anger is present when I slam my door  
I shout colorful words 'til my voice becomes sore  
I see all my things broken and shattered  
Brings me back to the time my sexuality didn't matter

Only it did; my whole life they tried to define me as straight  
Bringing co-workers with daughters they thought I could date!  
But I felt disgusted and angry with myself already

They only shoved me farther in the closet when they knew I wasn't steady

It's not my fault I sneak him in at night  
Where he would make me smile, my parents put up a fight  
It's not my fault I open up so slow  
Where he tells me to embrace it, my parents make me put up a show  
He helped me reveal myself without doing me harm  
He helped me realize I shouldn't have to be alarmed

It still hurts when I know they still don't accept me  
I'm still the same person, I just love people differently  
And I know it's okay now, I just didn't realize it so soon  
I'm not the only one who came out of a messy rainbow room

Mentor: Ms. Leila Staffler



## NATURE

By M.A.  
TANAPAG MIDDLE SCHOOL

THE WOMB OF MANKIND LIES HERE,  
IT SYMBOLIZES THE START OF LIFE.  
BUT NOW, IT HAS ADVANCED,  
FROM BUILDING HIGH, SCALY DINOSAURS,  
TO THE WITTY, PUNY MAMMALS  
AND SO FORTH.

WE STRIVE IN IT, UNPROTECTED,  
YET CONQUERING WITH OUR WITS.  
BUT IT IS ALWAYS ARMED,  
FROM THE VERY START,  
IT PARALYZES US WITH LIGHTNING,  
IT BOMBARDS WITH VOLCANOES,  
IT SHAKES THE MIGHTY EARTH,  
AND BRINGS US WHISTLING WITH TOMATOES.  
YET IT HAS ANOTHER FACE.  
A TOTALLY NEUTRAL OTHER SIDE.  
THAT OF PEACE, AND THAT OF SUNSHINE.  
GOLDEN RAYS PROVIDE THE HEAVENLY LIGHT,  
WIND AND WATER COINCIDE.  
BIRDS CHIRP AND TWEET WITH THEIR NEWBORNS,  
MAMMALS CARING FOR THEIR OFFSPRING,  
FISH HEADING UPSTREAM TO HATCH.  
ISN'T IT WONDERFUL?!  
THAT'S LIFE!  
WE HUMANS MUST DECIDE,  
TRASH, POLLUTION, NATURE'S WRATH,  
OR BETTER, THE CARESSING HAND OF NATURE.

Mentor: Ms. Nicole Sablan



## Teen Dating

By JASON JOSE  
MARIANAS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

Teen dating is scary in general  
Generally thinking you would be happy together  
Together, you tell each other lies  
Lies and apologies  
Apology and Fake  
Promises you never uphold  
Kept on thinking if this is it or what  
What is teen dating?

Mentor: Ms. Leila Staffler



## EMOTION

By M.A.  
TANAPAG MIDDLE SCHOOL

ONE WORD. THAT'S IT.  
BUT HOW MUCH IT MEANS.  
IT'S ANGER, SADNESS, HAPPINESS ALL IN ONE.

BUT THERE IS MORE.  
YOU CAN FIND FRETTING FRUSTRATION,  
STANDING IN IN A CORNER,

YOU CAN FIND LUCKLESS LONELINESS,  
TOTALLY ISOLATED ON AN ISLAND,  
YOU CAN FIND ECSTATIC EAGERNESS,

EXPLORING EVERY CORNER EXISTING,  
YOU CAN FIND SUICIDAL SADNESS,  
LOOKING BLANKLY INTO A PRECIPICE,

AND YOU CAN FIND PULVERIZED PAIN,  
CROUCHING LOW TO THE GROUND.  
YET THERE'S MORE.

PANIC, LAZINESS, ADRENALINE,  
AND STILL YET MORE,  
EACH AND EVERY ONE AFFECTS YOU

IN SOME WAY,  
SO NAVIGATE CAREFULLY,  
TO NOT GET LOST.

AND JUST BELIEVE,  
IT'S JUST ONE WORD.  
EMOTION.

Mentor: Ms. Nicole Sablan



## My worn-out clock

By KEGHANI CHAPARIAN  
MARIANAS HIGH SCHOOL

I've got less than a month to pull myself together  
Yet, your name puts me in an unceasing trance  
I can no longer move, speak or think  
My mind is bombarded with soft gray fog  
The time is coming to an end  
But in a world where my hope is scarce  
My courageous heart will find a way  
A way to weave the last of my nerves into a net  
A metro catches the pieces of myself which I've lost.  
Still, my worn-out clock ticks



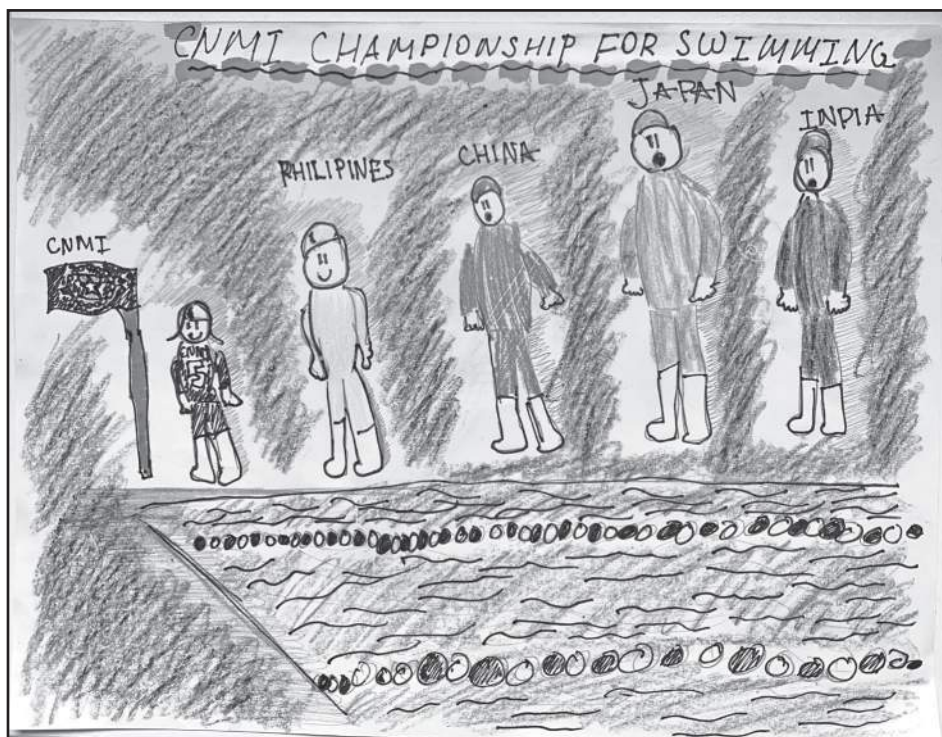
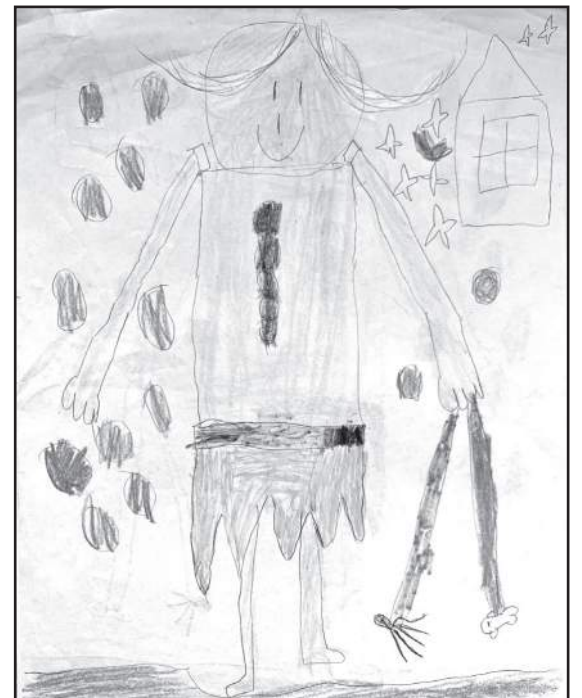
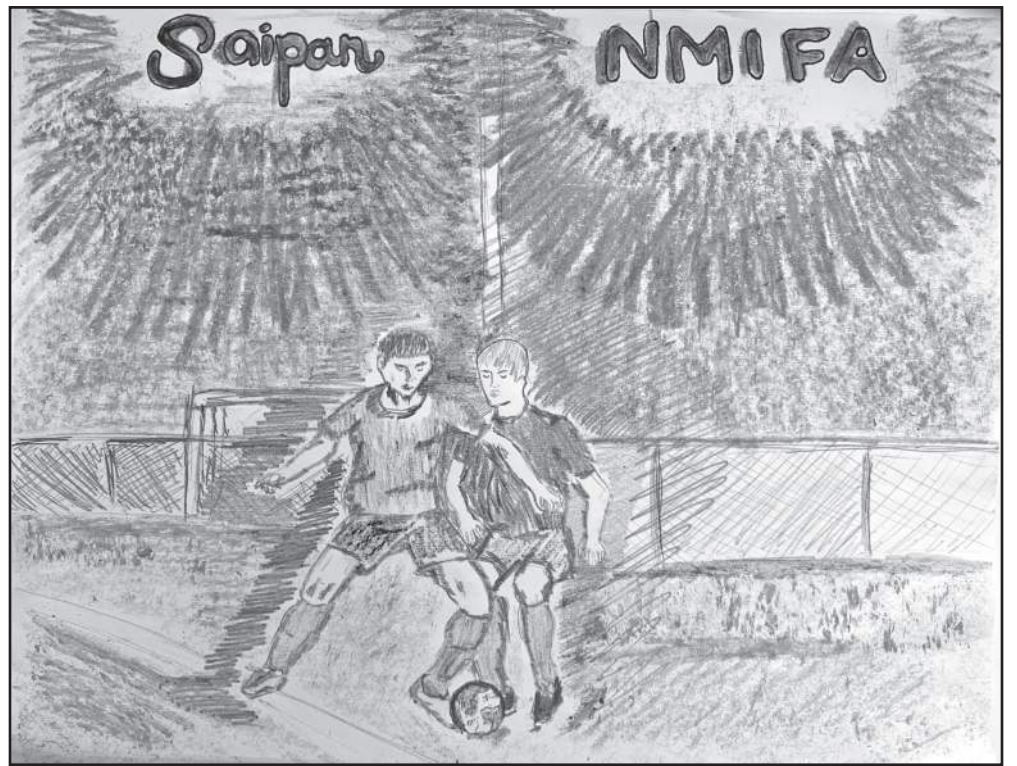
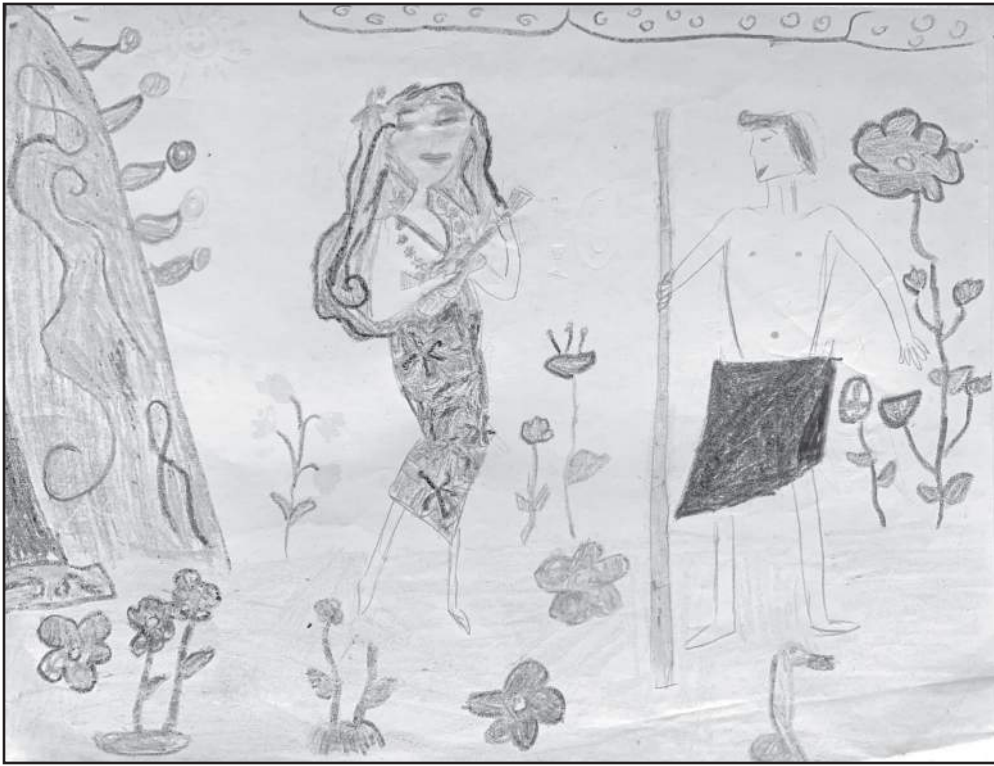
I still have time  
It is not much  
But it is time.

Mentor: Leila Staffler



# Celebrating CNMI sports, culture, and nature

Artwork of young artists of Garapan Elementary School, Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, Mount Carmel School, Tanapag Middle School, Hopwood Middle School, and Dandan Middle School.





# These **kids** from North Philly formed an unlikely **rugby team**. Now their **underdog story** is a movie

By KRISTEN A. GRAHAM  
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Ryan Johnston didn't know rugby would change his life. He was just a kid from North Philadelphia looking for an outlet for his energy and something to keep him safe after school.

Johnston surely didn't think his rugby experience would ever lead to a feature film inspired by the North Philly Nomads, the team that gave him joy and a second family.

"The Nomads," closed the Philadelphia Film Festival on Sunday, Oct. 27.

"I never, ever would have imagined this," said Johnston.

The real-life Nomads got their start with an after-school rugby club that Philadelphia teacher Larry Conlan began in 2012 at Vaux High School. There wasn't a lot for kids to do in North Philadelphia, and Conlan thought rugby—a fast, full-contact game played with an over-stuffed oblong ball and no protective equipment—could be the kind of anchor for his kids that it had been for him.

"They didn't even know what a rugby ball was, but I told them, 'OK, it's a game with no helmet, no pads, and 15 guys running after you. Who wants to do it?' Twelve guys signed up that day," Conlan told *The Inquirer* in 2014 of the sport, wildly popular in England, that's seen



*The Nomads* is a new film inspired by the North Philly Nomads, an unlikely rugby team made up of Philadelphia School District players. Director Brandon Eric Kamin discovered the team through a 2014 *Inquirer* story. In this May 2014 file photo of the Nomads team, Tyquise Edgerson tries to make a pass to Coach Larry Conlan as he is tackled by Jamal Sherman.

as a precursor of American football.

When Vaux closed in 2013, Conlan and most of his students moved to Benjamin Franklin High School, where the club became a team once Conlan recruited more coaches and more players, kids from other schools. The Nomads practiced wherever they could find space, paying for equipment, buses, referees, and league registration through a tiny budget made up mostly of donations

and favors.

Brandon Eric Kamin was drawn to the Nomads after he read about the team in *The Inquirer*. At first, Kamin thought he might make a short film about the Nomads, something they might use to help raise funds for the team. But the more he learned about them, the more he saw his project as something more ambitious.

"The Nomads are everything this city represents, the underdog spirit," he said. "I

wanted to amplify their story as much as possible."

Kamin, who grew up in Havertown, had started Bear Bear Productions — a small production company focused on commercial work — with a friend after he graduated from Ursinus College.

"I didn't go to film school," Kamin said. "I literally had a cleaning business for two years as I was making spec commercials."

At first, he thought the Nomads' story would be the

subject of a documentary. Then, he realized it should be a film that encompassed some of the team's most powerful moments: how it formed after a round of school closures, how rugby empowered young men, how it bonded them.

It became "The Nomads," starring Tika Sumpter and Tate Donovan, which was filmed in Philadelphia in

2018 and features Johnston and two other real-life Nomads who were "special-ability extras" in the movie — actors who could actually play rugby.

Donovan plays the Conlan character, named Mark Nolin, in the film. Donovan took cues from Conlan, an energetic, enthusiastic man who now teaches at Penrose Elementary in Southwest Philadelphia. Sumpter's character is an amalgam of real-life Nomads coaches James Brunson and Lauren Murphy-Sands.

"Against the odds, together as one," the movie poster says.

That the film captures much of the team's essence, down to the paper-plate awards presented at the end of the season to each player, was an honor, the Nomads said. Many of its settings were the Nomads' actual stomping grounds — a practice field at Eighth and Poplar, the Belmont Plateau.

"We're humbled," Conlan said.

"I didn't really believe that it was even real until we were on set one day," Murphy-Sands said. "It's just what we do in the springtime."

And yes, the real-life Nomads are very much a team, still scrapping for players and training space.

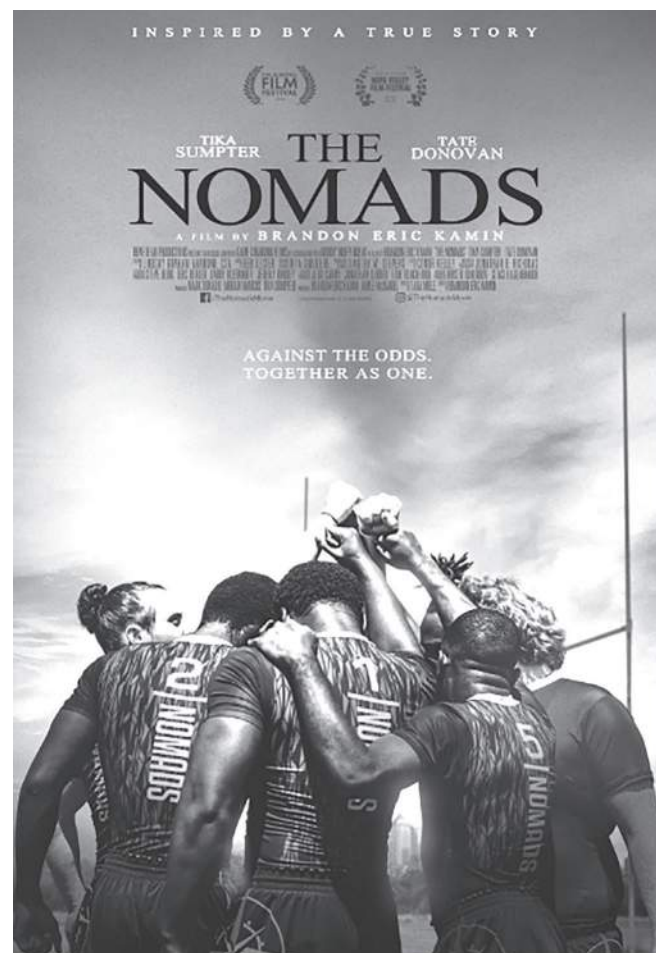
Practices for the next season begin in early 2020.



## DONATION

The Creative Writers Club recently donated \$100 worth of books to the Hopwood Middle School library at its temporary campus in Kolblerville.

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*The Nomads* movie poster.

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# Business



## Chalan Piao has new supermarket

Chalan Piao Supermarket is located on the first floor of the VS Sablan Building beside Subway in Chalan Piao.

MARK RABAGO

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**C**halan Piao Supermarket opened with much fanfare last Oct. 18 to fill the need for more grocery stores in the southern part of Saipan.

Operations manager Bhiya Canadalla said the owners of Chalan Piao Supermarket decided to open a grocery in the area to show that recovery is finally in full swing in the southern part of the island.

It will be recalled that Super Typhoon Yutu wreaked havoc in the villages of Koblerville, San Antonio, and Susupe in October last year.

To celebrate the grand opening of Chalan Piao Supermarket last month, Canadalla said they lit fire-

crackers and held hourlong Zumba activities at the site.

She said the firecrackers lasted 20 minutes while the Zumba dances were courtesy of Let's Move Marianas and its instructor, Joseph Caranto. It was so popular that the Zumba activities didn't only happen on the first day but carried over on the second day of the store's opening on Oct. 19.

Chalan Piao Supermarket also offered special sales during its first day of operations and it was so popular that it became a weekend sale. Huge discounts were offered on items ranging from rice to frozen items, and chicken boxes.

Chalan Piao Supermarket prides itself with brand new freezers that contain only the freshest produce from Japan, China, Korea, the Phil-

ippines, and the U.S. mainland, and wide aisles that customers can easily navigate.

The new grocery store is also strategically located near banks, schools, and restaurants in Chalan Piao, Susupe, and San Antonio.

The owners of Chalan Piao Supermarket can't wait for Hopwood Middle School to be rebuilt and finally reopen, Canadalla said. As the largest middle school in the Commonwealth, the supermarket is very eager to meet the students' and staff's needs, she added.

Chalan Piao Supermarket is located on the first floor of the VS Sablan Building beside Subway in Chalan Piao. It is manned by six staff including Canadalla and is open every day from 6am to 12am.

## McDonald's CEO pushed out after relationship with employee

**NEW YORK** (AP)—McDonald's chief executive officer has been pushed out of the company after violating company policy by engaging in a consensual relationship with an employee, the corporation said Sunday.

The fast food giant said former president and CEO Steve Easterbrook demonstrated poor judgment, and that McDonald's forbids managers from having romantic relationships with direct or indirect subordinates.

In an email to employees, Easterbrook acknowledged he had a relationship with an employee and said it was a mistake.

"Given the values of the company, I agree with the board that it is time for me to move on," Easterbrook said in the email.

McDonald's board of directors voted on Easterbrook's departure Friday after conducting a thorough review. Details of Easterbrook's separation package will be released Monday in a federal filing, according to a company spokesman. He will also be leaving the company's board. Easterbrook was CEO since 2015.

McDonald's would not provide details about the employee with whom

Easterbrook was involved, and an attorney for Easterbrook declined to answer questions.

The board of directors named Chris Kempczinski, who recently served as president of McDonald's USA, as its new president and CEO.

Two weeks ago, McDonald's reported a 2% drop in net income for the third quarter as it spent heavily on store remodeling and expanded delivery service. The company's share price has dropped 7.5% since, though it's still up 9.2% for the year. The burger chain also has been plagued by declining restaurant traffic.



Easterbrook

# Nation

## Lawyer: Whistleblower willing to take written GOP questions

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—A lawyer for the whistleblower who raised alarms about President Donald Trump's dealings with Ukraine said Sunday his client is willing to answer written questions submitted by House Republicans.

The surprise offer, made to Rep. Devin Nunes, the top Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, would allow Republicans to ask questions of the whistleblower, who spurred the Democratic-led impeachment inquiry, without having to go through the committee's chairman, Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif.

Attorney Mark Zaid tweeted that the whistleblower would answer questions directly from Republican members "in writing, under oath & penalty of perjury," part of a bid to stem escalating efforts by Trump and his GOP allies to unmask the person's identity. Only queries seeking the person's identity won't be answered, he said.

"Being a whistleblower is not a partisan job nor is impeachment an objective. That is not our role," Zaid tweeted. "So we have offered to @DevinNunes."

"We will ensure timely answers," he said.

Nunes' office did not have immediate comment. Rep. Jim Jordan, an Ohio Republican and member of the House Judiciary Committee who has been highly critical of the impeachment process, said in a statement that written answers wouldn't be sufficient to probe and cross-examine the whistleblower.

"You don't get to ignite an impeachment effort and never account for your actions and role in orchestrating it," Jordan said. "We

have serious questions about this individual's political bias and partisan motivations and it seems Mark Zaid and Adam Schiff are attempting to hide these facts from public scrutiny. Last week's testimony raised even more concerns about the anonymous whistleblower and our need to hear from them, in person."

The offer comes as Trump has repeatedly demanded the release of the whistleblower's identity, tweeting Sunday that the person "must come forward." The whistleblower raised concerns about Trump's July 25 call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, in which he pressed Zelenskyy to investigate Trump's political rivals. That call became the catalyst for the impeachment inquiry.

The whistleblower's second-hand account of the call has been providing a road map for House Democrats investigating whether the president and others in his orbit pressured Ukraine to probe political opponents, including former Vice President Joe Biden.

"Reveal the Whistleblower and end the Impeachment Hoax!" Trump tweeted.

Trump later Sunday pushed the news media to divulge the whistleblower's identity, asserting that the person's accounting of events is incorrect. The whistleblower's complaint has been corroborated by people with firsthand knowledge of the events who have appeared on Capitol Hill.

"They know who it is. You know who it is. You just don't want to report it," Trump told reporters at the White House. "And you know you'd be doing the public a service if you did."

## All evacuations lifted for Southern California wildfire

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Authorities lifted all evacuation orders as firefighters made progress Sunday on a large blaze that sent thousands fleeing homes and farms northwest of Los Angeles.

Crews working in steep terrain were tamping down hotspots and keeping an eye on lingering gusts in mountain areas that could carry embers, said Ventura County Fire Capt. Steve Kaufmann.

"I'd say we're cautiously optimistic," Kaufmann said, citing calmer winds overall and rising humidity levels.

Firefighters have contained 50% of the blaze, which has burned nearly 15 square miles (39 sq. kilometers) of dry brush and timber. Three buildings were destroyed.

More than 11,000 people evacuated after the flames spread Oct. 31 during dry winds that fanned fires across the state this fall.

In his first recent comments on the California fires, President Donald Trump threatened to cut U.S. aid funding to the state.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom

has done a "terrible job of forest management," Trump tweeted. When fires rage, the governor comes to the federal government for help. "No more," the president tweeted.

Newsom replied with a tweet of his own: "You don't believe in climate change. You are excused from this conversation."

California has increased fire prevention investments and fuel management projects in recent years while federal funding has shrunk, the governor's office said in a statement.

"We're successfully waging war against thousands of fires started across the state in the last few weeks due to extreme weather created by climate change while Trump is conducting a full on assault against the antidotes," Newsom said.

The state controls just 3% of forest land in California, while the federal government owns 57%, according to numbers provided by the Newsom's office. About 40% of the state's forest are privately owned. Neither of the two major fires currently burning are on forest land.



# Asia

## Attacker bites politician's ear, others slashed in Hong Kong

**HONG KONG** (AP)—A knife-wielding man slashed several people and bit off part of the ear of a pro-democracy politician in Hong Kong on Sunday, as riot police stormed several malls to thwart protesters who have been demanding government reforms for nearly five months.

The bloody attack erupted outside one of those shopping complexes, Cityplaza

on Hong Kong Island. Local media said the attacker told his victims that Hong Kong belongs to China.

Television footage showed the man biting the ear of district councilor Andrew Chiu, who had tried to stop him from leaving after the stabbings. The attacker was then badly beaten up by a crowd before police arrived.

The government, condemn-

ing the attack, said five people were hospitalized including two in critical condition and appealed to people to stay rational and set aside their political differences. "They should abide by the law and not to resort to vigilantism," a government spokesman said in a statement.

The attack came late Sunday, a day in which protesters had been urged online to gather at seven locations, includ-

ing malls, to sustain a push for political reform.

Most of the rallies didn't pan out as scores of riot police took positions, searching and arresting people, dispersing crowds and blocking access to a park next to the office of the city's leader, Carrie Lam.

Some small pockets of hardcore demonstrators were undeterred.

As protesters chanted slo-

gans at the New Town Plaza shopping mall in Sha Tin, police said they moved in after some "masked rioters" with fire extinguishers vandalized turnstiles and smashed windows at the subway station linked to the mall.

At two malls in the New Territories in the north, protesters vandalized shops, threw paint and attacked a branch of Japanese fast food chain Yoshinoya, which has been frequently targeted after the chain's owner voiced support for the Hong Kong police.

Police rushed into one of the malls after objects were thrown at them. At another, protesters used umbrellas and cable ties to lock the mall entrance to prevent police from entering.

Later in the day, police stormed Cityplaza after some protesters sprayed graffiti at a restaurant. A human chain by dozens of people was broken up and angry shoppers heckled the police.

In early hours Monday, police fired tear gas after some protesters threw bricks and other objects at them in another district. One woman was injured after she reportedly jumped off a balcony to escape the tear gas, local media said.

The protests began in early June over a now-shelved plan to allow extraditions to mainland China but have since swelled into a move-

ment seeking other demands, including direct elections for Hong Kong's leaders and an independent inquiry into police conduct.

Lam has refused to budge and instead has focused on measures that she said contributed to protesters' anger, such as creating jobs and easing housing woes in one of the world's most expensive cities. She invoked emergency powers last month to ban face masks at rallies, provoking further anger.

Her office said Sunday that Lam, currently in Shanghai, will head to Beijing on Tuesday. She is due to hold talks Wednesday with Chinese Vice Premier Han Zheng and join a meeting on the development of the Greater Bay Area that aims to link Hong Kong, Macao and nine other cities in southern China.

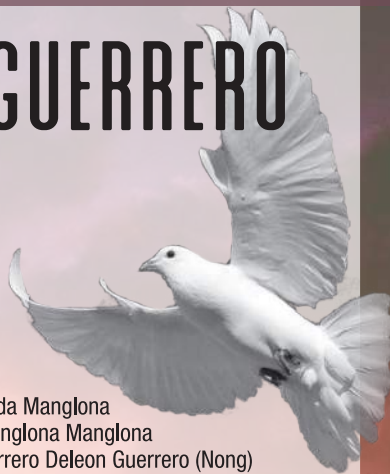
The project will help make it easier for Hong Kong residents to work and reside in mainland Chinese cities, and bolster the flow of people and goods, Lam's office said in a statement.

But the plan has also sparked concerns over China's growing influence over the territory. Many protesters fear Beijing is slowly infringing on the freedoms guaranteed to Hong Kong when the former British colony returned to Chinese control in 1997.

### DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

## GLENN MANGLONA DELEON GUERRERO

Lovingly Known as "G or Glenn Paduna"  
July 11, 1973 - October 27, 2019



#### In his new life he now joins his:

##### Maternal Grandparents:

†Manuel Ada Manglona  
†Juana Manglona Manglona  
†Juan Guerrero Deleon Guerrero (Nong)  
†Guadalupe Rogolifo Deleon Guerrero  
†Juan Santos Dela Cruz (Doi)  
†Juana Jones Castro-Dela Cruz (Juanet)

##### Paternal Grandparents:

##### Parents In-Law:

#### Survived by the Loves of his Life, Spouse & Children:

Dolly Jean Castro Tkel  
Latrele Antoine T. Deleon Guerrero  
Sohayla Juanette T. Deleon Guerrero  
Aisha Kyleigh T. Deleon Guerrero  
Lorenzo Glenn T. Deleon Guerrero  
Pedro Rogolifo Deleon Guerrero (Paduna)  
Pilar Manglona Deleon Guerrero (Pi)  
Peter M. Deleon Guerrero & Children  
John & Arlene DLG. Carbullido,  
Children & Grandchildren  
John Anthony M. Deleon Guerrero & Eva P. Calvo  
Rainier Pedro Deleon Guerrero & Children  
Lawrence Deleon Guerrero & Children  
Ivan & Betty DLG. Ichiro, Children & Grandchildren

##### Parents

##### Brothers, Sisters & In-Law:

##### Parents In-Law:

##### Brothers & Sister In-Law:

Knox N. Tkel & Francisca T. Paige  
Anthony C. Tenorio /Jennifer C. Tkel & Children  
Michael C. & Lorraine B. Tkel,  
Children & Grandchildren  
Alexander C. & Jerrica L. Tkel & Children  
Marty N. & Gwendolyn T. Taisacan,  
Children & Grandchildren  
Richard C. Dela Cruz

##### Godchildren:

Anthony C. Tenorio II, Justin John Carbullido,  
Noah Peter Mesa, Logan Deleon Guerrero  
Elizah Skye Farnsworth

He is also survived by his numerous uncles, aunties, cousins and friends.

Mass is being offered for the repose of his soul every morning at 6:00 AM and Rosary nightly at 7:00 PM at Kristo Rai Church with the exception of Tuesday, rosary will be said at 6:00 PM.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, November 09, 2019. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora Dela Paz Memorial Chapel to Mount Carmel Cathedral at 7:30 AM. Responso Service will be at 8:00 AM followed by recitation of the Holy Rosary at 8:30 AM.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM followed by Interment Services at Chalan kanoa Cemetery, where he will be laid to a peaceful rest.

Please join us in prayers,  
Thank you - Si Yu'us Ma'ase

**DOLLY, LATREL, SOHAYLA, AISHA, AND LORENZO**

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Trump invites ASEAN leaders to US meet after skipping summit

**NONHABURI, Thailand** (AP)—President Donald Trump has invited Southeast Asian leaders to a "special summit" in the United States early next year after skipping their annual summit. Robert O'Brien, the national security adviser Trump sent in his stead, included the invitation in a letter from Trump that he read at a U.S.-ASEAN meeting on Monday on the sidelines of the summit of the 10-nation Association of Southeast Asian Nations on the outskirts of Thailand's capital. That meeting normally would be attended by presidents or prime ministers. But since O'Brien is not even a member of Trump's Cabinet, seven of the 10 ASEAN countries sent their foreign ministers instead in what appeared to be a pointed adherence to diplomatic protocol. O'Brien made a swipe at China, accusing it of intimidating ASEAN members.

#### Bus falls into river in Nepal, killing 17 and injuring 50

**KATHMANDU, Nepal** (AP)—An overcrowded bus drove off a mountain highway and crashed in a river in Nepal, killing 17 people and injuring 50 more, a police official said Monday. The bus was packed with people returning from festivals and appeared to have a mechanical problem before skidding off the highway on Sunday, Police official Madhav Kafle said. Among the injured, 21 were still hospitalized Monday for medical treatment. Kafle said passengers heard a loud sound and the steering appeared to have failed before the bus drove off the highway and crashed in the Sunkoshi River 20 meters (70 feet) below. The crash site is about 120 kilometers (75 miles) east of the capital, Kathmandu. The bus was crowded because the Tihar festival ended last week and many people were returning back to work from their villages. Bus accidents in Nepal, covered mostly by mountains, are blamed on poorly maintained vehicles and roads.



# World

## Demonstrators want halt to killings of women in Mexico

**MEXICO CITY (AP)**—Relatives of women and girls murdered or missing in Mexico marched through the capital Sunday carrying over 100 purple crosses inscribed with the names of victims, demanding justice for their loved ones and improved efforts to investigate their cases.

Bearing T-shirts and signs with photos of the victims, they walked behind banners and chanted the victims' names as they headed for the sprawling main square, the Zocalo, to set up an offering near a massive altar erected to mark Dia de Muertos, or Day of the Dead.

"Not one more killed!" they cried. "Our daughters, where are they?"

The demonstration set out from the Independence Monument and headed for Mexico City's sprawling main square to set up an offering near a massive altar erected to mark Dia de Muertos, or Day of the Dead.

Dia de Muertos is observed Nov. 1-2, and the demonstration was billed as a "Dia de

Muertas" march, or "Day of the Dead Women," to call attention to the killings of women and girls — nine per day in the country on average, according to the United Nations. It was the second Dec. 3 march by the organization, Voices of Absence, which is out to get the date associated with their cause.

"We march on 'Day of the Dead Women' to take them beyond just the altars," journalist and activist Frida Guerrero said. "They did not die of old age or from illness. They were snatched away, they were ripped from their families, and we want them to be seen. May they not remain in the invisibility of Day of the Dead celebrations."

Norma, a 43-year-old Mexico City resident, came in memory of her daughter Valeria, a 24-year-old engineering student who was murdered in June allegedly by her boyfriend. Norma, who declined to give her full name because the suspect is a fugitive, de-

scribed Valeria as hard-working, healthy and beloved by family and friends.

AP

Demonstrators hold crosses with the names of murdered or disappeared women, to demand justice one day after the Day of the Dead holiday in Mexico City, Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019.



## El Salvador orders expulsion of Venezuelan diplomats

**SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP)**—El Salvador has ordered the expulsion of Venezuelan government diplomats, joining the U.S. and more than 50 other countries that have said opposition leader Juan Guaidó is Venezuela's rightful president.

The Salvadoran government said late Saturday in a statement that the diplomats, who are loyal to Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro, had 48 hours to leave the country. It said the decision is in line with comments by President Nayib Bukele "not recognizing Maduro's government as legitimate."

Venezuela responded in kind Sunday, ordering Salvadoran diplomats to leave Caracas within two days.

Bukele "is officially taking up the role of pawn of American foreign policy," the Venezuelan government said.

Bukele, who took office in June, responded in a mocking tweet, noting that those ordered to leave Venezuela were holdovers from the previous government, an ally of Maduro.

"I forgot to mention that our Government had not named a single official to our embassy in Venezuela," he wrote. "So the Maduro regime has just expelled officials 100%

named by the Government of (ex-President Salvador) Sánchez Cerén, whom they called their friends."

In its statement, Bukele's office called for free elections in Venezuela as a way out of its long-running political and humanitarian crisis.

Guaidó, who leads Venezuela's opposition-controlled congress, declared himself interim president in January, saying Maduro's re-election last year was fraudulent. Maduro says Guaidó is collaborating with the United States in an attempt to stage a coup.

Ronald Johnson, the U.S. ambassador in El Salvador, welcomed the decision to expel pro-Maduro diplomats.

El Salvador's opposition FMLN party criticized the government's move, accused "foreign interests of being behind it and expressed solidarity with Venezuela and "its legitimate President Nicolás Maduro."

The FMLN, or Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front, was a guerrilla group during El Salvador's civil war before transitioning to a political party in peacetime. The last two Salvadoran presidents before Bukele were from the FMLN: Sánchez Cerén (2014-2019) and Mauricio Funes (2009-2014).

### DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

*In Loving Memory of*

*†Rowena Summer Manglona Torres Deleon Guerrero*

Born on September 1, 1971. Called to eternal rest by our Lord on October 30, 2019

#### She is preceded in death by:

**Grandparents:** Antonio B. and Dolores T. Mendiola and Santiago M. and Natividad A. Manglona  
**Parents In-Law:** Gregorio C. and Ana A. Deleon Guerrero  
**Brothers:** Jose, Santiago, Alexander, Francis Michael and Troy M. Torres  
**Brother-In-Law:** Raymond S. Ada  
**Nephew:** Charles Ian T. Gray

#### She will be forever missed, loved, and remembered in the hearts of her:

**Husband:** Gregorio A. Deleon Guerrero  
**Parents:** Felix Torres and Francisca M. Cavanaugh

#### Children and Grandchildren:

Jeremiah S. and Jacoba S. Deleon Guerrero (Jeremiah Jr., Jacoby), Ana Marie S. Deleon Guerrero and Gabriel Ortiz (Elijah, Ethan), Raymond S. Deleon Guerrero and Walter Villatoro, Richard X. and Jocelyn S. Torres (Niya, Isaiah, Bryson), Gregorio A. Deleon Guerrero, Jr. II, Charles T. Deleon Guerrero

#### Brother and Sister:

Alexander M. Mendiola and Mona Lisa T. Casey

#### Brothers and Sisters In-Laws:

Lillian DLG and Ambrose Bennett, Patrick A. and Simplicia C. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph A. and Roslyn T. Deleon Guerrero, Meliza DLG and Anthony R. Babauta and Velma DLG Ada

#### Local Mass Service Time and Locations

Thursday, Oct. 31, 6:00 pm, St. Jude  
 Friday, Nov. 1, 6:00 am, St. Jude  
 Saturday, Nov. 2, 6:00 am, San Antonio  
 Sunday, Nov. 3, 10:00 am, St. Jude  
 Monday, Nov. 4, 6:00 am, Mt. Carmel  
 Tuesday, Nov. 5, 6:00 pm, San Antonio  
 Wednesday, Nov. 6, 6:00 pm, San Antonio  
 Thursday, Nov. 7, 6:00 pm, St. Jude

#### Texas Memorial Service Schedule

##### VIEWING

7pm on Monday, November 4th  
 Mulkey Mason Funeral Home  
 740 S Edmonds Ln, Lewisville, TX 75067

##### CHRISTIAN FUNERAL

11am on Tuesday, November 5th  
 St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church  
 1897 W Main St, Lewisville, TX 75067

##### NIGHTLY HOLY ROSARY

7pm daily  
 Deleon Guerrero Residence  
 2071 Cameo Drive  
 Lewisville, TX 75067

#### *In Grateful Appreciation*

During our time of sorrow, we were embraced by family and friends with an abundance of love, prayers, thoughts, and expressions of condolence which helped uplift our spirits. We are humbled by your presence in prayers at the mass of intentions at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church in Lewisville, Texas, the daily masses in Saipan and the daily holy rosary at the Deleon Guerrero residence in Lewisville, Texas in remembrance of our cherished wife, mother, grandmother, daughter and sister. Our dearly beloved **†Rowena Summer Manglona Torres Deleon Guerrero** has touched the lives of many and though she is gone, her memory and love will forever live in our hearts.

We, the family of **†Rowena**, wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for your presence, support and acts of kindness during our time of need, but most of all for your thoughts and prayers for our dearly beloved **†Rowena**.

We would also like to recognize the following for their unwavering support: MD Anderson Cancer Center, especially Dr. Frank Mott; Texas Oncology, especially Dr. Anil Bhogaraju; Aspen Hospice Care, especially nurse Trudi; St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church in Lewisville - Texas; Martha Ministries; The Manglona Family; Mr. & Mrs. Fred Deleon Guerrero; Mr. & Mrs. Donald Fleming; Soledad Ajuwon; Brenda Davis and Piola Camacho.

*Thank you all for your love and support. God bless you!*



## Overdrive

## AUTO REVIEW:

By EMMA JAYNE WILLIAMS  
FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

# Mazda6 sedan

## gets updates for 2019, including advanced safety technology

TNS  
The 2019 Mazda6.

The first Mazda6 rolled out in 2003, continuing the previous Mazda 626 midsize-sedan line.

For 2019, it's been thoroughly reworked under the sheet metal, offering a refined experience befitting of a more-expensive car, even though prices begin under \$24,000.

This car is designed with the driver in mind and with a commitment to providing a premium driving experience and an active approach to safety, with advanced safety technologies.

For the first time ever in a Mazda, for 2019 the Mazda6 now has as standard the entire suite of i-Activsense safety and driver-assisting technologies.

"Mazda Premium" principles complement the human-centric design and engineering to build readily affordable vehicles capable of competing in a class above, with unparalleled craftsmanship, design, and technologies.

Five trims are available, each model building on the previous: Sport, \$23,800; Touring, \$25,400; Grand Touring, \$29,500; Grand Touring Reserve, \$32,000; and Signature, \$35,100—the model I drove.

Grand Touring models and above have a newly available turbocharged SkyActiv-G 2.5-liter turbo four-cylinder engine. Cylinder-deactivation is standard on the 2.5T engine in the Sport and Touring models with automatic transmission.

The exterior features a new front grille, new 17- and 19-inch wheel designs, standard auto-leveling LED headlights with integrated fog lights, LED front and rear signal lights, windshield wiper de-icer on Grand Touring Reserve and Signature models, new automatic heated power-folding side mirrors (auto-dim-

ming driver's side), and newly available Soul Red Crystal exterior paint (\$595).

A redesigned interior features seats with high-density, vibration-absorbing urethane foam. There are ventilated front seats in Grand Touring Reserve and Signature, and authentic interior materials in the Signature including Nappa leather, UltraSuede Nu and Japanese Sen Wood.

The Signature model now has a reconfigurable 7.0-inch gauge display and a new 360-degree View Monitor with front and rear parking sensors.

Also new for 2019 are an auto-dimming frameless rear view mirror with Homelink and LED overhead console courtesy lights (Signature models); High Beam Control in Touring models and above; windshield-projected, full-color Active Driving Display

in Grand Touring Reserve and Signature models; and a retuned suspension and chassis for improved performance and ride control.

My attractive Machine Gray Metallic (\$300) Mazda6 Signature had the turbocharged 2.5 engine and a quick-shifting SkyActiv-Drive six-speed automatic transmission—standard for all models—equipped with a Sport Mode to recalibrate the gear ratios for a more-spirited drive.

The turbo engine produces 310 foot-pounds of torque, and from 227 horsepower (87 octane gasoline) to 250 horsepower (93 octane), amplifying the performance for which Mazda vehicles are known.

Signature is the top-of-the-line model, with all the features of the previous four models, and additional premium amenities. The aggressive

gunmetal front grille is unique, as well as the Parchment Nappa leather seating, authentic Japanese Sen wood and gilded UltraSuede accents on the doors and dash.

Six exterior colors are available, including Snowflake White Pearl Mica (\$200), Sonic Silver Metallic, Deep Crystal Blue Mica (nearly black), and Jet-Black Mica. Interiors for the Signature are Deep Chestnut Nappa leather and Parchment Nappa leather (my tester, with a black headliner).

Mazda's "Mature Elegance" theme adds to the subtle sophistication of the Kodo design language Mazda is known for (debuting in 2010), portraying the pent-up energy of an animal about to pounce, with the power in the rear, rather than leaning forward.

The grille is key, accentuating the look of depth, with

wide sweeping silver trim along the bottom, extending under the headlights; a strong framework; low center of gravity; and wide stance. The 19-inch bright-silver-finish alloy wheels, wearing all-season tires, had five split sculpted no-nonsense pokes.

Inside, my Mazda6 embodied a "less is more" aesthetic, featuring a sleek dashboard stretching across the entire car and emphasizing width, elegance, and a clean horizontal uniformity.

The seats were engineered for less fatigue by maintaining front passengers' spines in the natural S-shape humans use when standing. Seats were wide, firm, and supportive, heated front and rear, and ventilated in the front. Five people can ride in comfort.

Rear seat backs folded 60/40 to open the 14.7-cu-

bic foot trunk to haul long items—sports gear, DIY supplies, even furniture. The rear seat's fold-down center armrest had cupholders, storage and two USB charging ports.

A heated leather-wrapped steering wheel had unique stitching, paddle shifters, and controls for audio, phone, MID, and cruise control. Dual-zone automatic climate control included a pollen filter and rear vents.

The Mazda Connect infotainment system featuring an eight-inch full color touch screen supported Mazda Navigation, SiriusXM radio (three-month trial), and Traffic and Travel Link (three-year subscription), a premium BOSE Centerpoint2 Surround Sound 11-speaker audio system with Audio Pilot, Bluetooth hands-free phone and audio, the 360-degree view cameras, Apple Car Play and Android Auto.

This system features voice command, a multifunction Commander control on the center console; HD Radio; Aha, Stitcher, and Pandora Internet radio; SMS text-message audio delivery and reply; and a USB audio input.

SiriusXM Traffic and Travel Link include information on weather, sports scores, fuel prices, and nearby parking or parking by destination, and more to make each journey easier and more enjoyable.

A stronger emphasis on safety for 2019 leads to more-confident driving. Newly standard i-Activsense safety features include Advanced Smart City Brake Support with Pedestrian Detection, Lane Departure Warning with Lane Keep Assist, Smart Brake Support, and Mazda Radar Cruise Control with stop-and-go function.

Other standard safety features include Blind Spot Monitoring with Rear Cross-Traffic Alert, rearview camera, and a new seatbelt reminder for all passengers.

## UNDER THE HOOD: Upgrading headlamps to LED bulbs sounds great but can pose problems

**Q: My left headlight is dim on my 2013 Ford F-150. I'm wondering if a new bulb might fix it? I was also thinking about installing new lenses, as they are cloudy and have been polished once without much success. Another thought is to upgrade the bulbs to LED type. What are your opinions on this?**

**A:** It sounds like your truck might be equipped with the standard halogen incandescent headlights rather than the optional HID (high intensity discharge) lamps. This will be a good thing if you're replacing the lamp housings as the HID equipped ones list for about \$600-700 apiece (OEM parts) vs. \$250 or so for the stan-

dard ones.

Let's look at your dim bulb first. Incandescent bulbs typically emit about the same amount of light until the moment they burn out, so renewing the bulb isn't likely to help. What's more likely is a fault in the circuit leading to the headlamp.

With luck, perhaps there's a loose or corroded connection at the headlamp electrical connector. Accessing the connector will require removing the headlamp housing, which is pretty easy to do. With the hood up, after removing a pin type retainer, the radiator side air deflector can be folded back a bit, allowing access to all three headlamp housing

retaining screws. The housing can then be pulled forward, allowing bulb/connector inspection or replacement. It's easiest to inspect/test the connectors by removing both high and low beam bulbs from the housing and setting the housing aside. A slight twist counter clockwise (1/8 turn) will disengage the bulbs.

You didn't mention if it was just the low beam that is dim, or perhaps both low and high beams. There are three wires in each headlamp connector. If it's just the low beam that's dim, the blue/green wire circuit connected to the headlamp isn't doing its job. If both high and low are affected, this should be easy; the black/grey

wire leads to a possibly loose/corroded ground connection (G-101), the wire screws to the radiator core support right behind the headlamp housing.

Try also wiggling/inspecting the headlamp connector; if headlamp performance improves, a bad connection exists there. Look also for corroded or overheated terminals. Unplugging and reconnecting will clean the terminal connection slightly. If the connector terminals are in bad shape, connector replacement will be needed (wires are cut and spliced).

If it's just the low beam that's dim and the connector looks OK, the fault may lie in the body control module (the source of power for the low beams). Test-

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ing there for output voltage is likely a pro level job, this would confirm if it's the BCM that's faulty or possibly an issue with the blue/green wire.

I'd tread carefully if considering aftermarket/inexpensive headlamp housings. They are notorious for poor optics/glare. Look for good reviews and a generous return poli-

cy? Upgrading to LED bulbs sounds great but can pose problems as well. The placement of the light emitted may not match the original bulb, again causing glare/alignment issues. I tried a set of these a few years back and they were exquisitely bright, so much so that I had to remove them due to antagonizing oncoming drivers.



# Life & Style

## Mariah Carey already celebrating Christmas

A day after Halloween, Mariah Carey has already delivered the first gift of Christmas.

In early celebration of her favorite holiday, the pop star released a new video for her seasonal classic "All I Want for Christmas Is You" Friday, featuring never-before-seen footage of herself getting into the Christmas spirit. Plus, she trolled the internet with

a special message from Santa Claus himself.

In the previously unreleased clips, Carey enjoys a number of winter activities, hanging ornaments on the tree, making snow angels, dancing with Santa and eating Christmas cookies to the familiar jingly tune in honor of the holiday hit's 25th anniversary.

"Kicking off the festivities

with a brand new video cut for All I Want For Christmas Is You (Unreleased Video Footage) hope you like it!!!" Carey tweeted to more than 20 million followers.

At exactly 12:01 a.m. Friday, the songstress also shared a video of herself falling asleep in her rock-star Halloween costume, only to wake up minutes later in red

and white snowflake pajamas to a call from Father Christmas. The ring tone? Take a wild guess.

"Santa!" Carey answers after letting "All I Want for Christmas Is You" play for a couple bars. "It's time!"

Carey's "Merry Christmas Deluxe Anniversary Edition" is available now. (*Los Angeles Times*)

## Jane Fonda and her red coat get arrested again

By CHRISTIE D'ZURILLA  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Jane Fonda, wearing the same long red coat that's quickly becoming iconic, was arrested Friday yet again after what has become a weekly routine in Washington, D.C.: coordinated civil disobedience to raise awareness of climate issues.

Unlike other celebrities, who sometimes change outfits multiple times in a day as they are photographed at different events, Fonda has been sticking to her bright-red uniform week after week at the protests. Red appears to be the movement's accent color.



The only things distinguishing the arrests in photographs have been what's on her head and which celebrity is headed

to the slammer with her.

Joining Fonda for her trip to jail this time were actresses Rosanna Arquette and Cath-

erine Keener. In previous weeks, Ted Danson and Sam Waterston invited the zip-tie handcuffs. Next week, the founders of Ben and Jerry's are supposed to join in.

Headgear has ranged from a black-and-white checked cap to a black beret to Friday's brown fedora, with an exceptional bare-headed display when Fonda and Danson were hauled in a week ago.

## Australian publisher appeals Rush's defamation payout

**SYDNEY (AP)**—A newspaper publisher appealing Geoffrey Rush's 2.9 million Australian dollar (\$2 million) payout for defamation told an Australian court on Monday there was no evidence the Oscar-winning actor was unable to work or had fewer job offers as a result of damage to his reputation.

News Corp.-owned Na-

tionwide News is appealing a Federal Court judge's ruling in April that the 68-year-old Australian actor had been defamed by newspaper reports that he had been accused of inappropriate behavior by actress Eryn Jean Norvill. She played the



Rush

daughter of Rush's character in a Sydney theater production of "King Lear" in 2015 and 2016.

The publisher is also appealing against the size of Rush's damages awarded in May for two articles published in Sydney's The Daily Tele-

graph newspaper and a poster that the judge found portrayed him as a pervert and a sexual predator.

The publisher's lawyer Tom Blackburn told three Federal Court judges hearing the appeal that the trial judge heard no evidence that Rush had been unable to work and had fewer job offers as a result of the articles.

## 'Grease' ensemble fetches \$405K

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.** (AP)—Two collectors said you're the one that I want to Olivia Newton-John's iconic "Grease" leather jacket and skintight pants at an auction Saturday in Beverly Hills.

Julien's Auctions says the combined ensemble, which Newton-John's character Sandy wears in the closing number of the 1978 film, fetched \$405,700 total. The leather jacket sold for \$243,200 and the pants, which Newton-John famously had to be sewn into,

went for \$162,500.

Other "Grease" memorabilia included a Pink Ladies jacket that went for \$50,000 and a poster signed by Newton-John, John Travolta, director Randal Kleiser and producer and songwriter John Farrar, which sold for \$64,000.

The proceeds from the jacket and pants, as well as a portion of the other items sold, will go to the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Wellness & Research Centre in Australia.

## 'Terminator: Dark Fate' is No. 1, but it's no winner

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—It might be judgment day for the Terminator franchise.

Despite generally favorable reviews and the return of star Linda Hamilton and producer James Cameron, "Terminator: Dark Fate" has opened well below expectations at the box office. Studios on Sunday estimate that "Dark Fate" earned only \$29 million from over 4,000 North American locations. The film from Paramount Pictures cost a reported \$185 million to produce.

It was enough to win the top spot at the box office, but it's a weak victory for the franchise. Although "Dark Fate," which was directed by "Deadpool's"

Tim Miller, received much better reviews (currently at 69% on Rotten Tomatoes) and was praised for being a return to form to Cameron's original films, it opened just slightly ahead of 2015's roundly derided "Terminator: Genisys."

"These big brands carry with them huge expectations, often unrealistic expectations," said Comscore senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian. "It wasn't for lack of enthusiasm for the stars and filmmakers."

Internationally, "Dark Fate" did much better, earning \$72.9 million from 48 markets. Fox International, not Paramount, is handling international distribution, excluding China.

1. "Terminator: Dark Fate," \$29 million (\$72.9 million international).	6. "Zombieland: Double Tap," \$7.4 million (\$7 million international).
2. "Joker," \$13.9 million (\$37 million international).	7. "Countdown," \$5.9 million (\$1.1 million international).
3. "Maleficent: Mistress of Evil," \$12.2 million (\$40.5 million international).	8. "Black and Blue," \$4.1 million.
4. "Harriet," \$12 million.	9. "Motherless Brooklyn," \$3.7 million.
5. "The Addams Family," \$8.5 million.	10. "Arctic Dogs," \$3.1 million.

## Wife can't forgive herself for her own costly error

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a woman in my 50s who has been the family "screw-up" since I was a teenager. Eighteen months ago, I screwed up in the worst way possible. Without my husband's knowledge, I started robbing Peter to pay Paul with the bills. The end result: I lost us everything (home, vehicle, etc.).

He is a good man, and he deserved so much better than what I put him through. He has said he forgives me for everything, but my problem is that I can't forgive myself.

We are divorcing now, and I'm struggling to live my life without the man I love (and who still loves me). The divorce was pushed-for right after we lost everything. His adult son paid for it, so he hasn't dropped it. He says he doesn't want to make waves because he's living in his son's guest room. I had to move back in with my dad several states away.

We talk daily, but I am still incredibly depressed. I have found a job near where I live now, but I have no medical benefits, so therapy is out of the question (and so is everything else I need to take care of my health). I have worked with mental health patients my whole adult life, so I recognize the symptoms (I have to force myself to perform personal hygiene, I sleep whenever I'm not at work, etc.).

Abby, I don't know what to do anymore. There are days when I don't know why I bother continuing on. I feel like I don't deserve to live after what I did to my husband. There is no way

I will ever be able to give him back everything I caused him to lose, and that knowledge haunts me every minute of every day. How does someone learn to forgive themselves?

FOREVER THE SCREW-UP

**DEAR FOREVER:** There are options available for individuals who have little or no money and need help with their mental health. I researched what might be available in your community and found there is a university with a department of psychological services. Contact it and inquire if someone in that department might be able to help you. There is also the option of the County Department of Mental Health.

Once you are stable again, you can begin to work on forgiving yourself. The problem with being labeled a "screw-up" as a teenager is that once the idea is embedded, it can become a self-fulfilling prophecy. Start there.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a grocery store etiquette question. I become really offended when I'm unloading my groceries onto the conveyor belt at checkout and—before I'm finished—another shopper comes up behind me and begins unloading hers. It leaves me not enough room to finish unloading mine! I think it's rude, and it baffles me that so many people do it. Is it impolite to tell them they are being rude? Or is it dangerous these days?

GOING AS FAST AS I CAN

## DEAR ABBY

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**DEAR GOING:** It wouldn't be impolite or dangerous to tell the person behind you that you haven't finished unloading your purchases and to please stop. I do, however, think you should suppress the urge to lecture the person about manners unless you're looking for an argument.

If this happens often, talk to the store manager about it. In some businesses there is a mark on the floor indicating where shoppers should stand while waiting for the person ahead to complete his or her purchase.

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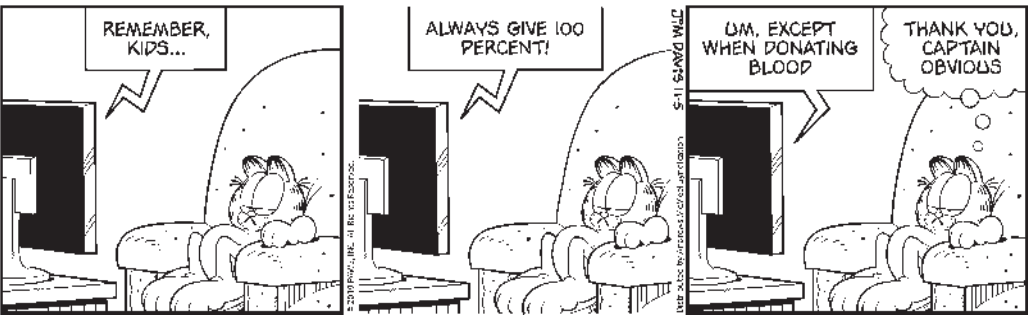
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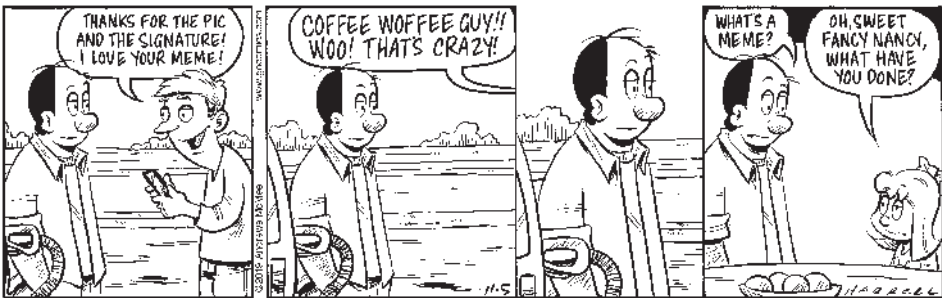
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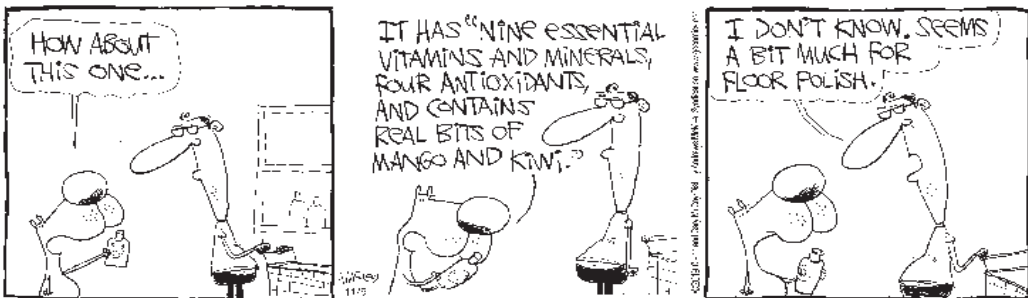
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2 French river  
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4 Slow-pokes  
5 Morticia's hubby  
6 Dumb-struck  
7 Apiece  
8 Belief in God  
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10 Fortas and Lincoln  
11 Inquisitive  
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31 Hwy.  
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**Solution time: 22 mins.**

**Yesterday's answer 11-5**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Kevin Jonas, 32; Tatum O'Neal, 56; Bryan Adams, 60; Art Garfunkel, 78.

**Happy Birthday:** Tiptoe through any situations that are draining you emotionally. An effortless motion will help to reserve your mental and physical energy for the people and pastimes that are most important to you. Allow yourself an outlet that serves the purpose of gratification and creativity, and you will gain insight and incentives that will direct you to a rewarding future. Your numbers are 4, 12, 17, 25, 31, 36, 49.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** It's time for a change. Start with yourself and work outward. Update your image or pick up a new skill that will transform your qualifications. Broaden your outlook, and shoot for the stars. New beginnings are heading your way. ★★★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Refuse to let your emotions take over and lead to a showdown. Keep your thoughts to yourself until you know exactly what's transpired, and you will be in a better position to negotiate what you would like to happen. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Take it easy. Don't feel pressured to make a decision or to follow in someone else's footsteps. An opportunity will not be as suggested. Do your research and reserve judgment. Time is on your side; be observant and focus on personal growth. ★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Express your intentions, and follow through with your plans. What you accomplish today will help you set the stage for what's to come.

Refuse to let anger or frustration slow you down. Stay focused, and execute your plans with finesse. ★★★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Think twice before you head in a new direction. Stability should be your prime concern before you launch anything new. Make sure your relationships are copacetic and that you have a good understanding of what others want and expect of you. ★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Refuse to let anyone interfere in your plans. Prepare as usual, and you'll surpass your expectations. An opportunity to advance will be directly linked to the actions you take to outdo anyone vying for the same results. ★★★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Look for the best in everything and everyone. Don't allow someone's critical attitude to discourage you. Put your energy into making personal changes, and it will have a positive influence on the people around you. A journey will be enlightening. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Let go of what's no longer necessary. Purging will help clear the mind and energize the spirit in a direction that encourages growth. It's time to revamp your surroundings or make a move that is conducive to getting back on track. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Chum things up to get things done. Be the one who instigates positive change; be the solution everyone is hoping for. Explore the possibilities, and align yourself with people you know are dependable. Choose a healthy lifestyle. ★★★★★

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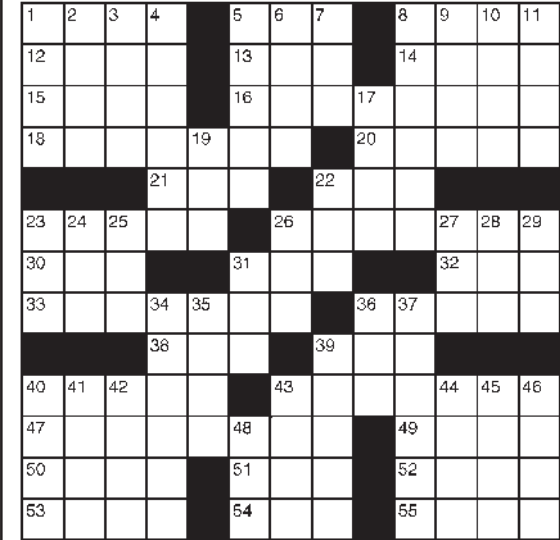
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Live and learn. Follow through with your plans, but be aware of what everyone else is doing. Be willing to make adjustments and to compromise when necessary. Keeping the peace will be as important as reaching your destination. ★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Making personal improvements should be your goal. Not everyone will like the decisions you make, but you have to do what feels right and best for you. A change someone makes should not disrupt your plans. Emotions will be difficult to control. ★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Put yourself out for a cause you believe in, and you will make a difference. Look for reasonable solutions that are cost-efficient and that you can handle. Stick to the rules. ★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are sophisticated, intense and spirited. You are intuitive and unwavering.

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**Yesterday's Answer**

Difficulty Level ★★

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# Ravens hand Patriots' first loss of season



**BALTIMORE**  
(AP)—The New England Patriots' unbeaten season

crashed to an end under the weight of their own mistakes and inability to contain Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson, who ripped apart the NFL's stingiest defense with his arm and legs in a 37-20 victory Sunday night.

Baltimore (6-2) zipped to an early 17-0 lead and let the Patriots (8-1) creep within striking distance before quelling the comeback with a 70-yard fumble return by Marlon Humphrey and a 5-yard touchdown pass from Jackson to Nick Boyle early in the fourth quarter.

That made it 30-20, and not even six-time Super Bowl winner Tom Brady could bring New England out of the hole. Brady, who went 30 for 46 for 285 yards, threw an interception with 12:47 left.

Jackson then led a methodical 9 1/2-minute drive that ended with his thrust into the end zone from the 1.

Jackson ran for 61 yards and two touchdowns and went 17 for 23 for 163 yards and a score. Mark Ingram ran for 115 yards, and the NFL's leading rushing attack amassed 210 yards on the ground.

The defending Super Bowl champion Patriots picked up two fumbles, but they had two turnovers themselves and committed a costly penalty that contributed to Baltimore's first touchdown.

## Seahawks 40, Buccaneers 34, OT

In Seattle, Russell Wilson hit Jacob Hollister with a 10-yard touchdown pass on the opening possession of overtime, and Seattle rallied to beat Tampa Bay.

Wilson continued his brilliant season, tying his career high with five touchdown passes as Seattle (7-2) overcame Jason Myers' missed 40-yard field-goal attempt on the final play of regulation and never gave Tampa Bay a chance in the extra session. Wilson was 5 of 8 for 70 yards in overtime, capping the winning drive by hitting the reserve tight end across the middle for his second touchdown of the game.

Wilson finished 29 of 43 for 378 yards. It was his third career game with five TD passes and capped Seattle's wild second half after trailing 21-7 midway through the second quarter.

## Chiefs 26, Vikings 23

In Kansas City, Harrison Butker matched a career long with a 54-yard field goal to tie the game late in the fourth quarter, then drilled a



44-yarder as time expired to give the Chiefs a thrilling victory over Minnesota.

The first person to greet Butker in celebration? Patrick Mahomes, the reigning league MVP, who missed his second consecutive game as he recovers from a dislocated kneecap.

Mahomes looked just fine rushing onto the field to party.

Matt Moore started in his place and threw for 275 yards and a touchdown without a pick, and he made the crucial plays when they mattered. Moore hit favorite target Tyreek Hill to convert a crucial third down and set up the tying field goal, then hit him again to make the winner more manageable.

## Steelers 26, Colts 24

In Pittsburgh, Adam Vinatieri missed a go-ahead 43-yard field goal with 1:14 remaining, helping the Steelers escape with a victory.

Vinatieri, whose 55-yard kick last week against Denver gave the Colts their third straight victory, pulled his attempt left of the uprights as the Colts (5-3) fell out of first place in the AFC South.

Mason Rudolph threw for 191 yards with a touchdown and an interception for Pittsburgh, and Minkah Fitzpatrick returned an interception 96 yards for a score as the Steelers (4-4) won their third consecutive game. Backup running back Trey Edmunds ran for a career-high 73 yards and Chris Boswell kicked four field goals as Pittsburgh

reached the midpoint of the season at .500 despite losing quarterback Ben Roethlisberger to a right elbow injury in Week 2.

## Raiders 31, Lions 24

In Oakland, Derek Carr threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to rookie Hunter Renfrow with 2:04 remaining and Karl Joseph broke up a fourth-down pass in the end zone with 3 seconds left to give the Raiders a victory over Detroit in their first game back in Oakland in seven weeks.

After surviving an odyssey that forced them to travel about 20,000 miles for four road games and a neutral site game in London, the Raiders (4-4) came back home for the first time since losing to Kansas City on Sept. 15. They put on quite a show for the fans who are hoping the Raiders can put together a successful season before their planned move to Las Vegas next year.

## Chargers 25, Packers 11

In Carson, Melvin Gordon scored two touchdowns, Michael Badgley kicked four field goals and Los Angeles dominated Green Bay.

Los Angeles (4-5) snapped a three-game home losing streak in what was easily its best game of the season. The offense moved the ball consistently in Shane Steichen's first game as coordinator, and the defense kept Aaron Rodgers and the Packers out of the end zone until midway through the

fourth quarter.

Steichen, who was promoted after Ken Whisenhunt was fired last Monday, called a good game as the Chargers weren't faced with many third-and-long situations. Gordon, who came in averaging only 2.5 yards per carry, had 80 yards on 20 carries, including a pair of 1-yard TDs off left guard in the third and fourth quarters. Austin Ekeler added 70 yards as the Chargers rushed for a season-high 159 yards and averaged 4.2 yards per carry.

## Broncos 24, Browns 19

In Denver, fourth-year quarterback Brandon Allen sparked their stagnant offense, throwing for two touchdowns in his first career NFL start and leading the Broncos past stumbling Cleveland.

In his first start in 1,402 days, Allen threw a 21-yard pass to Courtland Sutton and a 75-yarder to rookie tight end Noah Fant, and Phillip Lindsay ran nine times for 92 yards and a touchdown.

The Broncos (3-6) didn't truncate the playbook with Joe Flacco (neck) on injured reserve, and Allen threw for 193 yards on 12 of 20 passing.

## Texans 26, Jaguars 3

In London, Deshaun Watson's most impressive throw went backward -- a flip under pressure to running back Carlos Hyde, whose 7-yard gain set up Houston's first TD in a run-away over Jacksonville.

The rugby-style pitch was

spot-on perfect for a game in London, where the locals are still recovering from England's 20-point loss in the World Cup final on Saturday, and now must deal with the added insult of watching their adopted home team, the Jaguars (4-5), getting hammered just as badly.

But more than anything, the Watson-to-Hyde connection was indicative of both players' days in general: They were very hard to stop.

## Panthers 30, Titans 20

In Charlotte, Christian McCaffrey had 166 yards from scrimmage and scored three touchdowns, and Carolina bounced back from an embarrassing defeat with a victory over Tennessee.

Kyle Allen, who threw three interceptions in last week's 51-13 loss to the San Francisco 49ers, threw TD passes of 7 yards to McCaffrey and 12 yards to Curtis Samuel to improve to 5-1 this season as Carolina's starting QB.

Carolina's defense forced three turnovers and sacked Ryan Tannehill four times one week after allowing the 49ers to run for 232 yards and four touchdowns.

## Dolphins 26, Jets 18

In Miami Gardens, Ryan Fitzpatrick threw three touchdown passes, two of them to rookie Preston Williams, and Miami got its first win of the season by beating former coach Adam Gase and New York.

The Dolphins avoided what

<sup>AP</sup>  
New England Patriots wide receiver Julian Edelman, right, flips over after a hit as Baltimore Ravens safety Earl Thomas III (29), cornerback Marlon Humphrey (44), and linebacker Josh Byrnes (57) look on during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019, in Baltimore.

would have been the second 0-8 start in franchise history, joining 2007. The win leaves Cincinnati (0-8) as the NFL's lone winless team this season, and for now the front-runners to win the No. 1 pick in the 2020 NFL draft.

Fitzpatrick completed 24 of 36 passes for 288 yards and led the Dolphins to their highest point total of the season.

below Miami in the AFC East standings based on the head-to-head tiebreaker.

## Eagles 22, Bears 14

In Philadelphia, Carson Wentz threw for 239 yards and one touchdown, Jordan Howard ran for 82 yards and a score and Philadelphia held on for a victory over Chicago.

The Bears had just 9 yards in the first half and trailed 19-0 before David Montgomery had a pair of 1-yard TD runs to make it a one-possession game in the fourth quarter.

But Philadelphia put it away with 16-play, 69-yard drive capped by Jake Elliott's 38-yard field goal. Wentz completed all four of his third-down passes on the drive for first downs.

The Eagles (5-4) have won two in a row after a pair of lopsided losses.

The Bears (3-5) have lost four straight.

## Bills 24, Redskins 9

In Orchard Park, rookie Devin Singletary had 95 yards rushing, including a 2-yard touchdown, and Buffalo are off to its best start since 1993 following a win over Washington.

Josh Allen had a touchdown pass and scored on a 1-yard plunge for the Bills, who improved to 6-2—a record built on victories over some of the NFL's worst teams.

The Bills' wins have come against teams that entered this weekend with a combined record of 7-31. And their latest came against a team that's already fired its coach and was down to its third quarterback, with rookie first-round pick Dwayne Haskins making his first career start. Washington (1-8) matched its worst start since 1998.

Singletary took advantage of his most playing time this season, appearing to displace Frank Gore as Buffalo's featured running back.



# LeBron, AD lead Lakers past Spurs



**SAN ANTONIO** (AP)—For a player who wasn't even part of the Los Angeles Lakers' plans this offseason, Dwight Howard is providing a powerful impact alongside LeBron James and Anthony Davis.

Davis had 25 points and 11 rebounds, James added 21 points, 13 assists and 11 rebounds and Los Angeles held off the San Antonio Spurs 103-96 on Sunday night.

Howard had 14 points and 13 rebounds in a throw-back performance to help the Lakers improve to 5-1. He was 7 for 7 from the field.

"Just effort and energy," Howard said. "(James and Davis) are going to take most of the scoring bulk, so my job

is just to make sure I clean up all the mistakes. On the defensive end, be a force, make guys take tough shots and be aggressive. I enjoy it."

Dejounte Murray had 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Spurs, Rudy Gay added 16 points off the bench, and DeMar DeRozan had 14. They lost for the second time in three games to drop to 4-2.

James also had a triple-double Friday night in an overtime victory in Dallas. The Spurs rallied in the fourth just as the Mavericks did in forcing overtime, but this time Howard put a stop to rally in regulation.

Howard missed all but nine games last season with the Washington Wizards after suffering a knee injury. The 15-year veteran remained an unsigned

## Mickelson out in Top 50 for first time in 26 years



**S H A N G - HAO**—It's not a major, not a tournament win, not anything more than a few lines of code in a computer, really. But an era quietly came to an end Sunday. When rankings come out Monday, Phil Mickelson is projected to drop out of the Top 50 in the official world golf rankings for the first time in 26 years.

At the Mynavi ABC Championship on the Japan Golf Tour, Mickelson rode a final-round 68 to a five-under, T-28 finish, which was 14 strokes behind winner Rory McIlroy. Shugi Imahira finished in solo second place ... and, mathematically, that was enough to claim the 50th spot from Mickelson.

Granted, this isn't anything more than a careful parsing of statistics, so don't go crying on Mickelson's behalf. Even so, it's a testament to how good Mickelson has been for a quarter-century. He cracked the Top 50 in November 1993 following a runner-up finish at the Casio World Open.

Meanwhile, in Southampton, Brendon Todd ran away with the Bermuda Championship on Sunday for his second PGA Tour title, shooting a 9-under 62 after flirting with a sub-60 round at mostly calm Port Royal Golf Club.

"I'm thrilled, over the moon," said Todd, his career once nearly ended by full-swing yips. "A year ago, I was talking to my manager about potentially opening up another business and not sure if I was going to keep play-

ing. So, to turn it around in one year and regain status and then have a big win this like this is just a dream come true and hopefully a springboard to a really long, successful career out here."

Two months after regaining his tour card in the Korn Ferry Tour Finals, Todd earned a two-year exemption, \$540,000 and spots at Kapalua, The Players Championship and the PGA Championship. He won the 2014 Byron Nelson for first PGA Tour title, then went 100 starts before breaking through again.

Needing to birdie the final two holes to shoot 59, Todd missed a 20-foot birdie try on the par-5 17th and closed with a bogey after taking three shots to reach the green on the par-4 18th. He finished at 24-under 260 for a four-stroke victory over Harry Higgs in the first-year event.

Two strokes behind Higgs entering the round, Todd opened with a par, then birdied the next seven. The 34-year-old former University of Georgia player also birdied Nos. 10, 11 and 15.

"I had probably one of the best range warm-ups I've had in a little while," Todd said. "I think I told my caddy that's the best my swing's felt in 10 years, but in reality it's probably the best it's felt ever because I'm a much better ball-striker than I was 10 years ago and in college and even during the times where I was winning tournaments. My goal was just to go out there and play my game, play aggressively, and just fire away, try and birdie every hole."



free agent until August when the Lakers took a chance after DeMarcus Cousins was lost for the season with a knee injury.

The signing has been huge for Los Angeles, which has the best record in the Western Conference.

"Any time he's on the floor, he always seems to do something huge for us," Davis said.

Howard had 10 points, six rebounds and two blocks in the fourth quarter.

The Spurs closed to 77-72 on Gay's 37-footer to end the third quarter and 87-85 on Murray's short jumper midway through the fourth.

Murray finished 7 for 12 from the field.

"He is like a young pup," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said, "and he is trying to figure it out. He's got speed, he's aggressive and, at the same time, he's trying to learn to run the show and find people and take good shots."

Murray's three-point play on a foul against James and subsequent driving layup tied it at 90 with 4:10 remaining. The Lakers went on a 7-0 run, capped by a dunk follow by Howard. The cen-

ter flexed after the basket to the roar of the many Los Angeles fans in attendance.

"Dwight Howard was huge," James said. "Every minute that he played. Great performance by him, crashing the glass, catching lobs, getting great strips defensively, giving us extra possessions. He was vintage tonight in the minutes that he played."

The Lakers missed their first three shots and had two turnovers but the Spurs only managed a 5-0 lead. The teams combined to commit 13 turnovers in the first quarter in a sloppy start to a battle between the early leaders in the Western Conference standings.

The Spurs were 4 for 16 on 3-pointers in the first half and finished 6 for 25 on 3s.

"Defense, that's our staple," James said. "We've been talking about it and we believe it. No matter how it's going for us offensively. If we're struggling to shoot the ball, if we turn the ball over, we have to still continue to get stops and we did that tonight in a very hostile environment. An environment that's very tough to win in, I know from experi-

ence. It's a very good win for us early in the second."

### Clippers 105, Jazz 94

In Los Angeles, Kawhi Leonard scored 18 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Clippers past Utah.

Leonard's scoring surge helped the Clippers erase a double-digit second-half deficit and improve to 4-0 at home. He only made 9 of 26 shots, but with the game tied at 86, Leonard scored six points to spark a 19-8 run to close out the victory. Montrezl Harrell added 19 points, and Lou Williams had 17.

Donovan Mitchell led the Jazz with 36 points, and Bojan Bogdanovic added 19.

### Mavericks 131, Cavaliers 111

In Cleveland, Luka Doncic had his second straight triple-double and third of the season, finishing with 29 points, 14 rebounds and a career high-tying 15 assists to lead Dallas past the Cavaliers.

Kristaps Porzingis added 18 points and nine rebounds, and Boban Marjanovic had 12 points and eight rebounds.

Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James collides with San Antonio Spurs' Derrick White (4) as Spurs guard Patty Mills looks on during the first half of an NBA game, Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019, in San Antonio. Los Angeles won, 103-96.

The Mavericks are 3-0 on the road for the first time since their championship season of 2010-11.

Kevin Love had a season-high 29 points and eight rebounds for the Cavaliers.

### Heat 129, Rockets 100

In Miami, Duncan Robinson scored 23 points, Meyers Leonard added 21 and the Heat led by 41 points on the way to the easy victory over Houston.

Jimmy Butler scored 18 points and had nine assists for the Heat, and James Johnson had 17 points in his season debut. Miami is 5-1, matching the best six-game start in franchise history.

James Harden scored 29 points for Houston, and Russell Westbrook was held to only 10.

It was a record-setting opening quarter for the Heat -- resulting in the third-biggest lead after 12 minutes in the NBA's shot-clock era, starting with the 1954-55 season. Miami led 46-14 after that first quarter. The only bigger leads after one quarter since the shot clock was put into play came when the Los Angeles Lakers led the Sacramento Kings 40-4 after one quarter on Feb. 4, 1987, and the Baltimore Bullets leading the Kansas City-Omaha Kings 45-12 after a quarter on Dec. 9, 1972.

### Kings 113, Knicks 92

In New York, De'Aaron Fox scored 24 points, Buddy Hield had 22 and Sacramento beat the Knicks for its second straight victory following an 0-5 start.

Harrison Barnes added 19 points, and Richaun Holmes had 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Marcus Morris scored 28 points for New York. The Knicks have lost three straight to fall to 1-6.

### Pacers 108, Bulls 95

In Indianapolis, T.J. Warren scored a season-high 26 points and Indiana beat Chicago.

Malcolm Brogdon added 22 points and seven assists. Indiana was missing injured forward/center Myles Turner (ankle), center Domantas Sabonis (calf contusion) and All-Star guard Victor Oladipo (knee).

Zach LaVine scored 21 points for Chicago. The Bulls are 0-5 on the road



# Imperious Djokovic clinches 77th title

**PARIS** (AP)—Novak Djokovic looked imperious in beating an overawed Denis Shapovalov, 6-3, 6-4 Sunday to win his fifth Paris Masters final, clinching a 34th overall Masters title in fine style to move one behind record holder Rafael Nadal.

At 32 years old, Djokovic has already won 77 titles in a stellar career and fully intends to add many more.

"I don't take them for granted like it's something normal or usual or common. I've been blessed to win so many big titles in my life," he said. "That's one of the biggest reasons why I'm still playing professional tennis, to fight for these big trophies and to still be able to play the highest level."

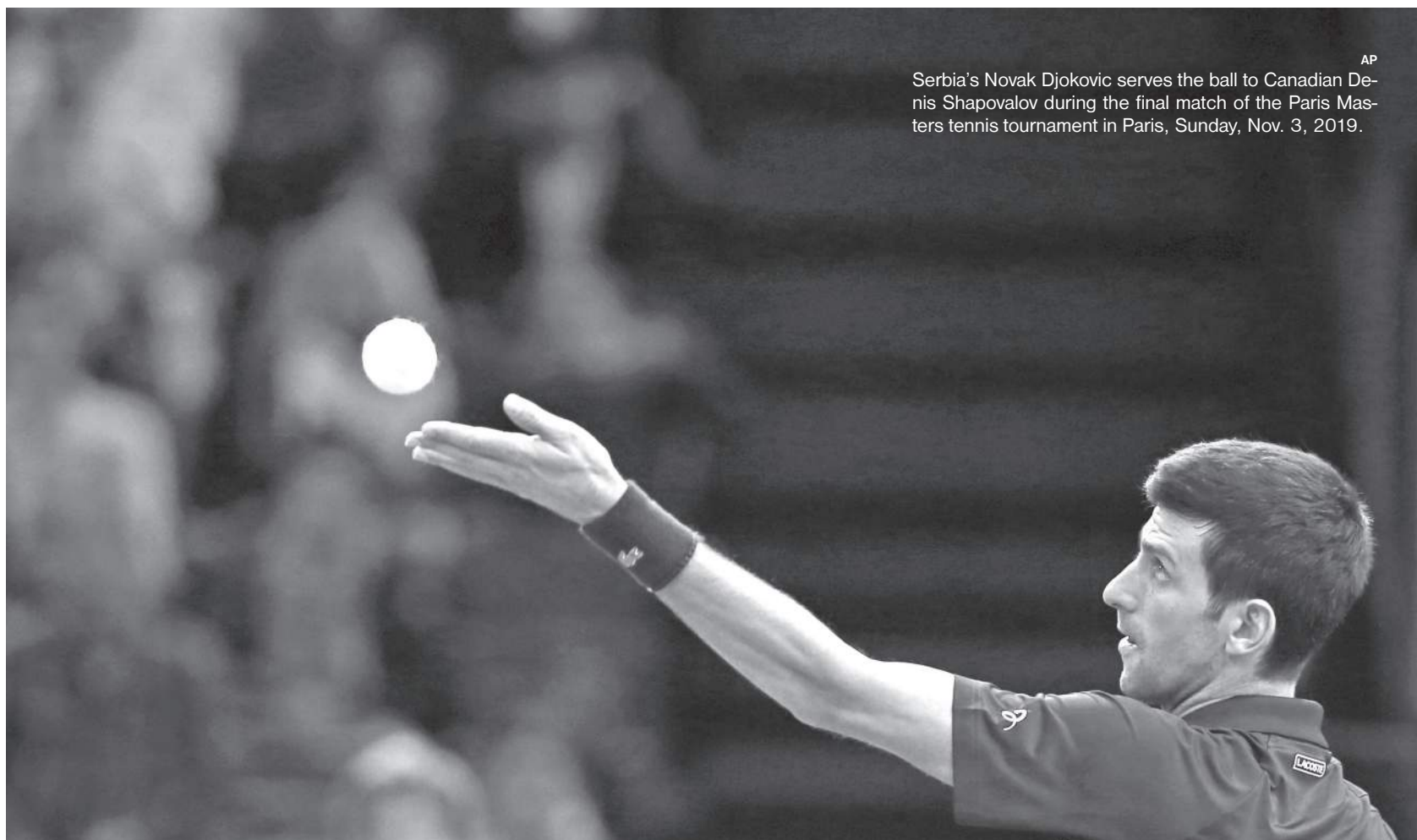
Shapovalov was mostly outclassed, even though he was physically fresh having avoided a potentially grueling semifinal because the second-ranked Nadal pulled out beforehand with an abdominal strain.

Still, the odds were heavily stacked against the 20-year-old Canadian, who was appearing in his first Masters final.

"I put him under pressure for the second serve and from the back of the court I was solid, not giving him too many opportunities," said Djokovic, who felt unwell with a sore throat earlier in the week. "I feel like the second part of the week was terrific, it was improving day by day in terms of my level."

Djokovic never appeared troubled on his way to a fifth ATP title this year — level best with Dominic Thiem.

He served out the match with a love hold, hitting a forehand winner before turning to look at his box and raising his



AP  
Serbia's Novak Djokovic serves the ball to Canadian Denis Shapovalov during the final match of the Paris Masters tennis tournament in Paris, Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019.

arms in triumph.

"It was my best serving performance of the tournament," Djokovic said. "Denis maybe lost his focus a bit."

Shapovalov entered the match with only one career title—a modest ATP 250-level tournament in Stockholm last month—and having lost his three previous encounters against a 16-time Grand Slam winner considered among the all-time greats of tennis.

The big-serving left hander looked tense, making three unforced errors in his first service game and slipping quickly to 3-0 down against a composed Djokovic playing in his 50th

Masters final and 111th overall. After botching a return on Djokovic's opening serve of the seventh game he whacked his racket into the ground in frustration.

Dropping only four points on his serve in the first set, Djokovic clinched it with another dominant serving game which included two aces and concluded with a volleyed winner at the net.

"It was tough for me to find a groove just because he was really picking his spots on the serve," Shapovalov said. "He just places it well, it's tough to read."

As Shapovalov's unforced

errors resurfaced in the seventh game, Djokovic broke him again for a 4-3 lead.

Djokovic saved his first break point of the match at 30-40 in the next game when Shapovalov returned a sliced serve well wide.

With that, the briefest glimmer of hope was gone.

"I'm sure the best things are yet to come for you," Djokovic said to Shapovalov during the trophy ceremony.

Kind words, yet the gap to Djokovic's level remains huge.

"It's great to hear that, but I still have a long way to go," Shapovalov said. "I want to be

beating guys like Novak so I have to improve, find a way to return better."

Djokovic has won every final he's played at Bercy Arena except for last year's against Karen Khachanov, which came after a three-hour semifinal slugfest against 20-time Grand Slam champion Roger Federer.

This year, Djokovic did not drop a set and heads to the upcoming ATP Finals in London looking to secure the year-ending No. 1 ranking for a sixth time. That would move him two ahead of Nadal, one ahead of Federer and Jimmy Connors, and into a tie with

record-holder Pete Sampras.

Nadal is also in strong contention to finish the year as No. 1 but it remains uncertain whether the Spaniard can play at the ATP Finals, which start Nov. 10.

"I'm sad to see that he's injured because that's not what you want to see. I know how that feels," said Djokovic, who struggled nearly two years with an elbow injury. "Historically he's had several injuries at the last part of the season, so I hope he can recover. Because without him, obviously the battle for No. 1, but also the tournament itself, is different."

## ST. LOUIS (AP)—Colo-

rado third baseman Nolan Arenado won his seventh straight Gold Glove and pitcher Zack Greinke earned his sixth in a row, getting the National League honor for the fourth months he spent with Arizona before he was traded to Houston.

Kansas City left fielder Alex Gordon, who became a free agent this weekend, won his seventh overall and third in a row.

Other multiple winners in the AL announced Sunday included Boston right fielder Mookie Betts (four), Tampa Bay center fielder Kevin Kiermaier (three), Oakland first baseman Matt Olson and third baseman Matt Chapman, and Cleveland shortstop Francisco Lindor (two apiece).

Seattle pitcher Mike Leake, Cleveland catcher Roberto Perez and Chicago White Sox second baseman Yolmer San-

## Arenado, Gordon get 7th Gold Gloves, Greinke 6th

chez were first time winners in the AL.

Chicago Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo won his third Gold Glove and second in a row, and Arizona shortstop Nick Ahmed won his second straight.

There were five first-time winners in the NL: Philadelphia catcher J.T. Realmuto, St. Louis second baseman Kolten Wong, Arizona left fielder David Peralta, Milwaukee center fielder Lorenzo Cain and Los Angeles right fielder Cody Bellinger.

Managers and up to six coaches per team vote for the awards in their league and cannot choose their own players. For the first time, the defensive index from the Society for American Baseball Research was used, and it comprised about 25% of the vote, with the managers and

coaches ballots the rest.

### Cubs exercise Rizzo's \$16.5M option

In Chicago, the Cubs have exercised a \$16.5 million option for next season on first baseman Anthony Rizzo and declined options on right-handers Brandon Morrow, Tony Barnett and Kendall Graveman.

Rizzo, who won his third Gold Glove on Sunday, agreed in 2013 to a \$41 million, seven-year contract that included two club options. He would have received a \$2 million buyout if the option had been declined.

Chicago's option for 2021 also is for \$16.5 million with a \$2 million buyout. If that is exercised, the deal would be worth \$72 million over nine seasons.

Morrow's option was for \$12 million, and he will re-

ceive a \$3 million buyout. Barnett and Graveman both had options for \$3 million.

Rizzo hit .293 with 27 homers and 94 RBI this year, ending a streak of four 100-RBI seasons. He finished among the top four in NL MVP voting in 2015 and 2016.

On Saturday, the Cubs exercised their \$11.5 million option for 2020 on left-hander Jose Quintana and declined their \$6.5 million option on lefty Derek Holland, which triggered a \$500,000 buyout. In addition, pitcher Yu Darvish and outfielder Jason Heyward declined to exercise the opt-out provisions in their contracts, deciding the remain with the Cubs.

Darvish is owed \$81 million over the final four seasons of a \$126 million, six-year deal, and Heyward is due \$86 million in the next four seasons of a \$184

million, eight-year contract.

Morrow, 35, agreed to a \$21 million, two-year contract before the 2018 season and had 22 saves and a 1.47 ERA in 35 games when he was shut down that July because of a bone bruise in his right elbow. He had elbow surgery last Nov. 6 but has not pitched since.

Barnette, 35, signed a \$750,000, one-year contract with the Cubs last winter, a deal that called for an increase to \$1 million when he spent one day on the big league active roster. He started the season on the injured list with right elbow tightness and after appearing in 12 games for Triple-A Iowa, he pitched twice for Chicago and was optioned back to Triple-A to open a roster spot for Craig Kimbrel. Barnett didn't report and was placed on the restricted list for the rest of the season.

Graveman, 28, had Tommy John surgery on July 24, 2018, and became a free agent when Oakland failed to offer a 2019 contract. He signed a \$575,000, one-year contract with the Cubs and made a pair of three-inning minor league injury rehabilitation appearances, on Aug. 22 for the Arizona League Cubs and for Iowa on Sept. 1.

In Kansas City, the Royals have declined their half of Alex Gordon's \$23 million mutual option for 2020, allowing the outfielder to become a free agent.

Gordon had exercised his part of the option but was allowed to go free Saturday. He will receive a \$4 million buyout, completing a \$72 million, four-year contract he agreed to in January 2016.

A three-time All-Star and seven-time Gold Glove winner, Gordon helped the Royals win the 2015 World Series for their first title since 1985.



# McDonald's crushes Joeten 2



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McDonald's Gil Gapor, left, challenges the shot of Joeten 2's J.P. Cruz, center, during the closing minutes of their game in the 2018 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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McDonald's clobbered Joeten 2, 96-70, in their duel in the 2018 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

McDonald's was in control

of the match from start to finish, building up on its lead as the game progressed before delivering the killer blows in the fourth quarter by scoring 30 points.

Ben Mettao and Joseph Achas closed out for McDonald's with the former making all his 10 points in the fourth period and the latter drilling 8 of his 15 markers.

Earlier in the first three

quarters, Jaymark De Guzman and Jun Fidelino worked together to give McDonald's a good lead at the break.

De Guzman finished the first half with 14 points, while Fidelino had 13, turning McDonald's 20-13 advantage to a double-digit margin, 41-31.

Despite falling behind by double figures at halftime, Joeten 2 was still very much in the game, thanks to J.P. Cruz,

well as participating bikers, are the loose dogs and cows.

"When we were going around the island to check the course, we saw a lot of loose dogs and they tend to chase the bikers. Hopefully, the owners can help us by keeping the dogs on a leash or putting them inside a fence for the meantime, until the race is over," Diycio said.

"We just had a bad experience last month. We had two

bikers that crashed into a herd up north and they were hospitalized and right now they can't join the race. We're asking the cow owners up north to help us. Please, just for this event," he added.

This year's Hell of Marianas will start and end at Mariana Resort with participants going through the scenic spots around the island, including the steep climbs up the north-

after forcing a draw in the other game in the division last Friday.

Oliver Lee registered the

equalizer for MP United in the 67th minute, while Xin Wen Jin recorded the goal for Matansa in the 49th.

## NMIFA Fall Youth League

### TEAM STANDINGS (As of Nov. 3, 2019)

#### CO-ED U12 DIVISION

CLUB	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
TanHoldings	7	0	0	43	14	29	21
Kanoa	5	0	2	26	16	10	15
MP United	1	1	5	27	23	4	4
Shirley's	0	1	6	14	57	-43	1

#### BOYS U18 DIVISION

CLUB	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
TanHoldings	7	1	0	31	9	22	21
MP United	3	2	3	26	18	8	11
Kanoa	2	3	3	20	29	-9	9
Matansa	0	2	6	8	29	-21	2

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we have an online registration," he said.

Aside from encouraging bikers to register for the biggest bike competition on island, the HOM committee is also asking for the community's assistance in preparing for the 100-kilometer race. One of the biggest concerns the committee, as

## TANHOLDINGS

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despite securing the season championship last week.

Mark Esalan fired five goals to hand TanHoldings its seventh win in eight games. Jerard Aquino tallied the other goal for TanHoldings.

Kanoa got its pair of goals from Andruw Omelau and Markus Toves.

## MP United 1, Matansa 1

MP United denied Matansa's entry to the win column

who ended the first half with 21 points. He had 14 in the second quarter alone, 12 of them came from the 3-point area.

Cruz continued to hit his shots when the game resumed, however, he failed to get help from his teammates. McDonald's, on the other hand, had De Guzman and Fidelino contributing 9 points each and brothers Mike and

McLain Achas combining for 10 markers to stretch the team's lead to 17, 69-52, going into the final quarter.

McDonald's kept going in the fourth period with a new set of players stepping up to secure the 26-point winning margin.

Fidelino paced McDonald's with his 23 points, while De Guzman added 22. Cruz led all

scorers with his 44 markers.

**McDonald's 96**—Fidelino 23, De Guzman 22, J. Achas 15, Mettao 10, M. Achas 10, McLain Achas 7, Gapor 4, C. Achas 3, Misaro 2.

**Joeten 2 70**—Cruz 44, Agulto 14, Williams 4, Garcia 4, Madrid 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 20-13, 41-31, 69-52, 96-70.

## Nov. 14 kickoff for girls high school caging

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The Public School System aims to kick off the 2019-2020 Interscholastic Girls High School Basketball League on Nov. 14 at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

According to PSS Student Support Services Athletic Program director Nick Gross, the girls high school basketball season will start after the opening of the middle school girls volleyball competition.

"It's just kind of a switch. High school sports will still be played every Tuesday and Thursday, while middle school sports will remain on Wednesday and we will be going full speed even though November is a difficult month with the amount of holidays," Gross said.

Gross said that the high school girls basketball season should conclude by Dec. 10 with the double elimination tournament set for Jan. 10 and 11.

"We'll come back, have a couple of make-up days for the first week or two in January if we need them, and

we'll do a double elimination tournament with Tinian and Rota schools around the 10th or 11th of January," he added.

For the middle school girls volleyball season, Gross said that without any setbacks, the double-elimination playoffs will take place on Dec. 13 with Tinian and Rota expected to join the competition.

Also in the works, Gross said, are games for the boys. He said they are in the planning stages of the fast pitch softball, basketball, soccer, and hopefully swimming.

"We got some big plans. We want to get fastpitch soft-

ball going and some swimming stuff scheduled. We have a grant that was approved and we're going to work on it for the different swim programs so we should have news about that in the near future," Gross said.

PSS is also planning a co-ed volleyball in the elementary division.



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A Marianas High School player, third left, gets ready for a point-blank shot against a Tinian High School defender during the Public School System's interscholastic basketball competition early this year at the Koblerville Gymnasium.

## MARINERS

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surrendering six runs, GSM finally stopped the bleeding by striking out Nate Smith for the third out.

With the tables turned on them as they faced a five-run deficit, GSM players must make at least five runs, too to extend the game. However, GSM failed to deliver under pressure and against the defense of the Mariners.

Closer Nate Camacho fanned GSM leadoff batter L.J. Sebaklim for the first out, while Franko Nakamura flied out at left field. Lorenzo Sebaklim

was next at bat for GSM and kept the team's hopes alive, as he walked and stole second. However, he was stuck there and so were GSM's chances to move into the finals, as Camacho struck out Dennis Cabrera.

With the Mariners stealing one from GSM, the former averted a finals rematch between the latter and the Chalan Kanoa Bears and instead forced a best-of-five title showdown versus the defending champions. Game 1 of the championship series will start this Saturday.

GSM, which won Game 2 (5-2), missed marching into the finals despite a good start in

Game 3. GSM scored four runs in the first inning of the rubber and added two in the second for a 6-3 lead. The Mariners, who prevailed in Game 1 (6-4), countered with only three runs at the bottom of the first inning and were shut down in the second before getting two in the third and one in the fourth for the tie, 6-all.

A run from Nakamura at the top of the fifth inning gave the lead back to GSM, but the team eventually lost the driver's seat, as the Mariners made the offensive move in the sixth inning and then leaned on their defense in the seventh and last to advance to the finale.





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# Mariners vs Bears in finals

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The Mariners' Nate Smith waits for the pitch from Go See Mark's Chu Sebaklim during Game 2 of their semis series in the 2019 Saipan Baseball League late last month at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield. The Mariners lost, 2-5, but won the deciding Game 3, 12-7, to advance to the finals against the Chalan Kanoa Bears.

The Mariners defeated Go See Mark, 12-7, in the battle for the last finals berth in the 2019 Saipan Baseball League last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.



The Mariners saved the best for last, scoring six runs at the bottom of the sixth inning to prevail in the deciding Game 3 of their short semis series against Go See Mark, which nearly won the rubber match as it led in the majority of the game and was still ahead, 7-6, after five and a half innings.

Behind by only 1, the Mariners quickly knotted the count at the bottom of the sixth with leadoff batter K.J. Deleon Guerrero's run off GSM's error. The Mariners then grabbed the lead with Ton Tenorio's single bringing Mark Flores home, while Eli Augenbaugh's two-run triple gave the team more cushion.

Augenbaugh also reached in the pivotal bottom of the sixth inning. Nate Camacho delivered the last run for the Mariners in that frame, as after

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TanHoldings Football Club's Monico Claridades, left, takes a shot during their game against MP United Football Club in the co-ed U12 division of the 2019 NMIFA Fall Youth League last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

## TanHoldings stretches streak to seven

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from virtually clinching the division title this season.

TanHoldings Football Club is still on a roll, as it notched its seventh straight victory in the co-ed U12 division of the 2019 NMIFA Fall Youth League following a 4-1 triumph over MP United Football Club last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.



MP United, on the other hand, absorbed its fifth loss to remain in third place.

Miles Linden delivered the lone goal for MP United.

In the other match in the division, Kanoa topped Shirley's, 4-2.

Paul Lizama had a brace for Kanoa, which drew one goal each from Rooney Gil and Tyler Omelau. Arif Khan logged the two goals for Shirley's, which has yet to win this season with just two games left in the competition.

**BOYS U18 TanHoldings 6, Kanoa 2**

TanHoldings was still at it

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## Over 100 bikers expected to join 'Hell'

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The 2019 Hell of Marianas Century Cycle Race has lured 68 participants so far and the number is expected to go over 100, as local and off-island

registrants continue to come in.

According to HOM race co-director Jay Diycio, as of last Sunday, there are about 38 local riders who have signed up for the Dec. 7 event and around 30 off-island



registrants.

"We have a lot of off-island bikers who have already registered online. We have roughly around 30, but we're expecting more. We're expecting over 100 participants this year, hopefully

bigger than the previous race (2017)," he said.

Diycio is encouraging local bikers to join next month's race and show their support to the biking community and the NMI Cycling Federation.

"They can still participate,

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Bikers get ready at the starting line of the Pre-Hell of Marianas Century Cycle Race last Sunday in Marpi.

